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THE delay in producing the volume last year has unfortunately been accentuated in the present issue. Many causes have contributed, among them the unavoidable interruptions to work resulting from a change of residence. Another was the action of the Somerset County Council in providing funds for rendering a further batch of Sessions Rolls available for examination. The work of cleaning, repairing, and binding some forty rolls occupied the winter months of 1908-9; and the volumes were not returned to the Shire Hall at Taunton until the spring was well advanced. Somersetshire may claim to be among the very foremost of the English Counties which have treated their records of the past as something better than useless lumber. And I venture to hope that the contents of the second volume of the Quarter Sessions Records will be found not inferior in interest to its predecessor.

The programme for 1909 has been slightly altered as it was found that the Cartulary of Mynchin Buckland was sufficient to form a volume by itself. This will be sent to press at once. For 1910 the Council has selected a Feodary of Glastonbury Abbey preserved in the Bodleian Library. It contains a record of the tenants from the register of Abbot Henry de Soliaco in 1189

down to the reign of Edward III.; and its peculiar value and interest has been pointed out by Professor Vinogradoff.

The subscription roll has slightly dropped, though the Society can ill afford any further losses. Among the latest subscribers is the Library of Congress, Washington, U.S.A., an example that might well be followed by the Mother of Parliaments at Westminster.

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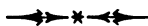
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## Introduction.

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THIS second volume of Quarter Sessions Records covers the period from the accession of Charles I in 1625 to January 1638-9; after which date there is a gap in the series of records to Michaelmas 1646, when Register No. iv begins. For this hiatus the Civil War must be held responsible, for not only has a register disappeared, but also the Sessions Rolls and Indictments are missing. As the records of earlier date have not suffered, it is evident that the Record House at Wells was undisturbed; and it seems probable that at some date in the course of the war the office of the Clerk of the Peace was sacked. Mr. Wykes (or White), the senior clerk, lived at Wells, and his junior colleague, Christopher Browne, who was the acting partner at this period, at West Coker. South Somersetshire was exposed to marauders of either army, particularly in the summer of 1645, when the victorious forces of Fairfax and Cromwell swept through the county from Yeovil to Taunton. At the same time the clubmen were very active in these parts; and no doubt there were many honest folk, who felt with Cade it was a lamentable thing that the skin of an innocent lamb made into parchment and scribbled over should undo a man, and that now there was a grand opportunity of wiping out old scores of recognizances, traverses, and the like by burning such county records as could be got at.

The records used in this volume are the latter portion of Minute Book No. II and the whole of No. III, which is perfect. No. II is defective at the end for the greater part of 1627 (see note on p. 30), but luckily the Sessions Rolls for that year were available to fill the gap. Luckily seems the right phrase, as the rolls for the year following are missing, when the third Minute

Book becomes available. The rolls are also missing from 1636 to 1646 with the exception of two, one for 1638–9, Wells Session papers, and another containing a few examinations for 1644.

Although it was not found possible to include any part of Register No. iv (1646–1656) in this volume, the Sessions Rolls which begin again in 1647 have been repaired and bound in volumes down to 1666, from which date the Minute Books are continuous to 1803.

Canon C. M. Church has cleared up the mystery of the position of the Record House by finding a reference to it in a paper by Mr. J. H. Parker on the Ecclesiastical Buildings of Wells, printed in *Som. Arch. and Nat. Hist. Soc. Proceedings*, vol. XII, ii, 34. The building stood on the west side of the chain gate and south of the public road, “formerly used as the County Record Office, and erected probably in the 17th century, but constructed of old materials so ingeniously put together as to deceive the eye at a very short distance, and to appear like part of the original structure. This obstruction, I am happy to say, is about to be removed (1863), and the arch left open, which will greatly improve the effect of this very remarkable bridge.” The building appears in several views of the Cathedral.

The first Commission of the Peace of Charles I, dated 1st April, 1625, contains, besides the names of eleven official Justices (high officers of State), the following land-owners and residents:—  
 \*Arthur (Lake), Bishop of Bath and Wells, \*Robert (Wright), Bishop of Bristol; Sir \*Henry Ley of Beckington; Sir \*Thomas Phillipps, Bart., of Barrington, Sir \*Baldwin Wake, Bart., of Clevedon; Sir William Button,\* Knt. and Bart., of Tockenham Court, co. Wilts, Sir George Speake\* of Whitelackington, Sir William Courtney of Combe Sydenham, in right of his wife, Sir Francis Popham\* of Chew Magna, Sir Thomas Thynne\* of Longleat, Sir Hugh Smyth\* of Long Ashton, Sir Nicholas Halswell\* of Halswell, Sir Robert Phillipps\* of Montacute, Sir John Windham of Orchard Windham, Sir George Young\* of Sewardswick in Compton Dando, Sir Thomas Wroth\* of Newton Forester in N. Petherton, Sir John Horner of Mells, Sir Henry Berkley\* of Yarlington, Sir Edward Rodney of Rodney Stoke,

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We may perhaps trace Laud's influence in the growing number of clerics taking part in public business. The Quarter Sessions

at Wells (1630-1) rivalled a certain Council at Bath with a 'turba clericorum' of two Bishops, a Dean, an Archdeacon, and a Doctor of Divinity. Towards the end of the period John Coventry, a simple squire, takes precedence on the bench even of Baronets; but he was a younger son of Thomas Coventry, Lord Coventry, Keeper of the Great Seal, and established himself in the county by marriage with Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of John Colles (Coles) of Barton in Pitminster.

The magisterial work pressed heavily on those who tried to do their duty therein, as the following letter from William Capell to his brother justice, Sir Robert Hopton, shows. The whole of the matters contained are curiously modern :—

"Sir,—I am bold to continue my humble request unto you and the rest of the commissioners that I may not be raised in the subsidy, and shall be glad it may be an occasion to put me out of the commission. I am weary of the burden and charge of it already, especially now there is none in the division but myself. It is sessions with me every day all the day long here, and I have no time for my own occasions, hardly to put meat into my mouth, and to add this of the subsidy is unmerciful. The letters would bestow the blessing of Issachar upon us Justices if there should be three subsidies granted to be paid in one year, and I raised to 20 *li*. I protest I must borrow the money upon use to pay them and the fifteens; and as my estate stands I can spend no less than all every year, and all the world knows I have no land to sell to pay debts if I borrow; other reasons I have acquainted you in a former letter, which I hope have satisfied you, and so leave myself to your favourable disposition therein. Here are three lewd persons—John Willett, son to Richard Willett, George Phillipps, and William Gillin—of this parish, common drunkards and haunters of alehouses, for which being convicted and punished according to the law by John Tilly the constable the last year, they did maliciously combine against him, and voluntarily went to Wells and testified upon their oaths that he did call one drunkard before me in my hall, with a purpose to disgrace him, whereupon he was libelled and put to much trouble and charge, and had many bitter journeys in the snow, and yet they insult over him, and joy they made him pay well



for his being so busy in his office, and the other constables will take heed how they meddle too much, and indeed the example of his trouble and charge is a great discouragement to his Majesty's officers. I think there is matter enough for the good behaviour, and upon my information I desire rather to have a warrant granted from the Bench at the Sessions than to do it myself for some reasons and if ye Parritor, William Coke of Barrowe were put in too it would be well, who procured, encouraged, and directed them in their malicious and false proceedings against the honest constable, for to my knowledge they were perjured, and he spoke no such words as they testify upon their oaths. I hope you will procure orders for the fitting, finishing, and maintaining of the House of Correction. There was yesterday fourteen brought before me and presented that are so fit for no place as the House of Correction, all of one parish, Wedmore, 4 or 5 of them idle whores that had had 1, 2, 3, and 6 bastards. If I had a horse I would have come myself, but for it and other extraordinary occasions I desire to be excused, and am in all faithful respect for your love, redy to do you the service of your loving Brother William Capell. Wrington, April 28, 1626.

"Addressed: To the right worshipful my much respected brother, Robert Hopton, Esq., give these."

The class of "Parritors" mentioned in the letter as underlings of the Ecclesiastical Courts, by their bad behaviour stirred up much opposition to any sort of spiritual jurisdiction. There are frequent references to their greed and insolence in the Sessions Rolls.

The reign of Charles I opened with a terrible epidemic of the plague, which seems to have rivalled the better-known visitation of 1665. The Quarter Sessions at Taunton laid down some excellent rules for the examination and detention of strangers in an isolation camp near to the town, and for the closing of houses suspected of infection (p. 6). Bridgwater was so infected that the Michaelmas Quarter Sessions were transferred to Taunton (p. 8); and the men employed in the navigation of the Rivers Parrett and Tone found their occupation gone. At the next Wells Sessions (1625-6) it was reported that an order calling on the neighbouring villages to support Bridgwater in its necessity had met with little

response, and the authorities were empowered to collect arrears of the rates (p. 11).<sup>1</sup> Frome also had trouble with infected strangers, who were shut up in a remote house, where they all died [p. 13, *S.R.*, lvi, ii, 51]. The inhabitants of Widcombe near Bath, excused themselves for neglecting a presentment concerning their roads in that during the summer the contagious sickness did so much affright them that they were fearful to come on in others company [*S.R.*, lvi, i, 70]. In the "Report on Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain," 1842, Mr. Martyr, a medical officer of the Langport Union, says: "It is stated in a very old history of Somerset that, about 300 years ago, nearly the whole of the inhabitants of Kingsbury, Muchelney, and Long Sutton were carried off by a pestilence (without doubt meaning a malignant fever), and that for many years afterwards it was considered so unhealthy that it was inhabited solely by outlaws and persons of the worst character, a clear proof the country is in a much healthier state now than it was in former times" (p. 86). This tradition (I do not know the source) may well refer to the plague of 1625, with a little embroidery.

The disastrous military operations of this period are often referred to, generally in connection with pensions to maimed soldiers who had seen service under Count Mansfield, with the King of Denmark, or in Ireland and France.

A veteran, George Hiskins, petitioned that "whereas he had served in military affairs, first under the Noble Palsgrave three years in the Palatinate, where in fine he had free quarters of Meousir Tillie from Mannheim in the company of Mr. Henry Berkley Captain, Mr. Tristram Horner, and Serjeant Haymon. Sithence he had been prest for his Majesty's service in the fleet to Cales (Cadiz) where he was employed in the office of a Corporall, and last to the Ile of Rhee; when inauspicious fortune had maimed and hurt him in the right arm, and again in the right leg, to his undoing for ever, unless their worships' good compassion and charity should commiserate and help him with some yearly stipend which his Majesty did allow for such as have ventured their blood in the defence of the true gospel, king, and country." [*S.R.*, lvi, ii, 85.]

<sup>1</sup> Hillbishops and Staplegrave were also to be helped by the neighbourhood, p. 19.

Sess. Rolls, lvi, i, 36, is a certificate from George Luttrell and Thomas Windham, esquires, 1626, that a ship called the "Triall," lately employed in his Majesty's service in the late action at Cales (Cadiz), was by contrary winds brought into Minehead harbour; where the captain died, and the ship's company were so short of victuals that they complained, and there was fear that they would take it by force; so Francis Pearce, constable of Carhampton, was directed to supply them, as appears by a note from the mate and purser. They desire that the County will refund this, amounting to 14*li.* 9*sh.* 2*d.* (No. 38; items include attendance on sick men).

The number of maimed soldiers increased so rapidly that the Justices had to diminish the pensions already paid (p. 16); and at the Taunton Sessions (1631) it was found necessary to increase the rate by 50*li.* to relieve the applicants. They were ordered to produce their certificates and letters of recommendation at the Taunton Sessions (1634) for a general review, and that such course might be taken "as shall appear to be agreeable to law and reason" (p. 210). In the meantime, with these living illustrations of the horrors of war in every district, the muster master's pay was allowed to fall into great arrears, the butts were neglected, and the beacons unwatched.

There were also payments to be made for the journey of soldiers through the county, who were not infrequently a great nuisance. Certain citizens of Glastonbury certified the Bridgwater Sessions (1627) that Thomas Harris of their town, lately hired to conduct a company of soldiers coming from Northampton to Taunton, was a respectable man, and that in their opinion the offence with which he was charged—the theft of some geese on Sedgemoor—was committed by the "unruly soldiers" (p. 48).

The growing difficulties in filling the national Exchequer in the absence of legal taxes appear in the great increase of informations laid against all sorts and conditions of people. The true inwardness of the proceedings comes out in a Royal letter to the Judges of Assize, 6th July, 1635, given in full p. 239. After reciting that all recognizances taken ought to be certified at the next General Sessions of the Peace, so that the forfeitures contained therein, as well as all other fines, should be estreated into the Exchequer, it states that of late divers Justices

do use ordinarily to rebate such recognizances before the Sessions or keep them back uncertified, and further that the Clerks of the Peace discharge and remit fines and forfeitures, which doth "tend to the diminution of our just and due rights." Such proceedings are strictly forbidden under pain of action by the Court of Star Chamber (p. 241).

Recusants were also a source of revenue, and are frequently presented by the Hundreds. *S.R.*, lviii, ii, 63, is a letter from Sir Robert Heath the Attorney-General (1626), announcing a careful prosecution of the laws against Popish recusants on the petition of the Lords and Commons, and urging them to collect in writing the names of all such as are presented, indicted, or convicted for being recusants. Such as are only presented are to be indicted; such as are only indicted put on to a conviction; and such as are convicted to be certified into the Exchequer. Such as have not yet been presented to be presented and proceeded against. This letter quite bears out the statement in the *D.N.B.* that Sir Robert Heath's accession to office, 31st October, 1625, was marked by a more stringent enforcement of the laws against recusants. This reference gives me here an opportunity of acknowledging the immense debt that every student of English history owes to the originator of the Dictionary in providing what is practically a library full and accurate in all its details.

An order (No. 12) at the Wells Sessions, 1635-6, contains a reference to the collection of "money towards his Majesty's Shippinge," which is practically the first reminder that the nation is on the verge of a great Constitutional Revolution. Quite early in the reign (Ilchester Sessions, 1629), John Williams was remaining in the gaol at Ilchester "for speakinge of high and haynous words against the King's Majesty." He could have pleaded the bad example of a Justice of the Peace, Mr. Hugh Pyne of Curry Malet. He had a company of guests at his table, and talked very irreverently of the King, saying to one who had boasted of having seen the King at Hinton House (in 1625), "Then thou hast seen an unwise a king as ever was; for he is carried as a man would carry a child with an apple. As for meeting him at Mr. Poulett's, that is nothing, for I might have had him at my house; he is to be carried any whither. Before

God he is no more fit to be king than Kirkwright (a well-known simpleton)." For these words the Government wished that Mr. Pyne should be hanged, drawn, and quartered. Chief Justice Richardson said, though the words were as wicked as might be, they did not amount to treason. This saved Mr. Pyne; but he, Mr. Symes, and some others were soon after put out of the commission of the peace. In 1627 Mr. Hugh Pyne was committed for saying the king was stripped and governed by a company of upstarts.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Pyne would not have escaped so easily on the Continent in the twentieth century. He should have taken warning from the fate of Edmund Peacham, rector of Hinton St. George, who "for some carefully prepared notes of a sermon in which the king and the government were denounced with reckless vehemence" (*D.N.B.*, xlv, 132), was tortured in the Tower, tried and condemned to death at Taunton, and died in the gaol there March, 1616.

When the King was thus assailed, naturally those under authority did not escape criticism. John Smith was reported for saying that "Mr. Poulett was not so good a man as William Catford (whoever he may have been); and farther, that he was a crabbed knave, and that he would take 'bribbes,' half a crowne for himself and so much more for his man." [*S.R.*, lvi, ii, 44.]

Another gross and picturesque defiance of authority is recorded at the Wells Sessions, 1633-4, No. 20. At the sign of the Christopher certain Justices who had gone to bed were so disturbed by the disorderly drinking, quarrelling, and whooping downstairs that they were compelled to come down and require the company to betake themselves to their beds, when they were greeted with very contemptuous and uncivil speeches. Thomas Meryfeild said he did not care for Henley, neither for Rosse, and what had any man to do in their chamber; and Richard Leiker said the gentlemen had done more than they could justify and they should pay for it (p. 208). They might have added that they were only rehearsing a scene out of *Twelfth Night*.

Those of the company who did not express their sorrow the next morning were to be reported to the Attorney-General; and the matter was placed in the hands of Mr. Henley as an

injured party, who wrote the following letter to Mr. Brown :—  
“Good Mr. Brown, I pray send me upp a coppie of the order of Sessions at Wells made about the ill Demeanour of Merefield and others at the sign of the Christopher, together with a coppie of Willson and Bull’s examinacon ; I pray send them by the Post if you can conveniently. And soe with my respects and love remembered, I rest your assured loving friend Ro. Henley, London, 31, Januar., 1633. My lodging is att Mr. Benyon’s house att the Black Swan in Fleet St., near Whitefriars. Addressed : To my very loving friend Mr. C. Browne at West Coker, give these.” [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 38.]

Not only State but Church also was occasionally treated with disrespect. The following recital of the misdeeds of two men of Williton is also interesting from its reference to the origin of the game of fives, which for several generations was a nuisance to churchwardens :—

“The misdemeanors of Nicholas Luccas and William Mattocke of Williton bound over uppon their good abearing and personall appearance at Taunton Sessions, 1633.

“1. Whereas there hath been of late an idle game used by tossing of a ball against the Chapple walle of Williton in a narrow place there betwixt two glasse windowes whereby the same windowes were often much torren and defaced to the greate dislike of the inhabitants, especially of those whose seats were next adjoyninge, by reason of the drifte in foul weather, and also of the often greate charges in amendinge the same, and the said players being willed by some of the chieftest inhabitants there to forebear that exercise for the causes aforesaid, they, the said Luccas and Mattocke, did stubbornly refuse to desist, and also gave ill language to such as forbadde them.

“2. They being told by some of the parish that it was a profanation of the said Church of Williton soe to breake the windowes as before, he, the said Mattocke, ridiculously replied, ‘Where is the church ? The church is where the congregation is assembled, though it be att the Beacon uppon the toppe of the hill of Quantocke.’

“3. Whereas uppon complaint made unto mee of those their

abuses I willed the Constable to cause them, the said Luccas and Mattocke, to come before mee, and being accordingly required by the said Constable they did contemptuously refuse, wishing him first to fetch a warrant, and that hee should see the same to be very good, or else hee should pay well for it.

"4. There being a warrant of the good behaviour granted against them by mee for the causes aforesaid and they, the said Luccas and Mattocke, arrested thereupon, he, the said Luccas, stroke upp the Constable's heels, and afterwards he, the said Luccas, contemptuously ranne twice from the officers.

"5. Hee, the said Luccas, being of good ability and having also friends of sufficiently that would have been bound for him, refused to putt in sureties, saying hee would goe to the gaole, and uppon these and such like deferringe terms held the said officers in suspense, whereby they with others waited on him a whole day and more, only to putt the officers to trouble and charge. Jo. Windham." [S.R., lxix, i, 66.]

The continued increase of drinking habits among the population was a constant source of complaints, and efforts were made on all occasions to abridge the number of houses for the sale of drink. At the Ilchester Sessions, 1630, the Court took notice that, notwithstanding the care taken both for lessening the number of alehouses and for punishing those who kept ill order therein, the number increased and the disorders multiplied, decided to require substantial sureties for all persons licensed (p. 120). Next year there was a determined effort made to suppress unnecessary alehouses in Keynsham and the neighbourhood (p. 138); and at the Wells Sessions (1630-1) there was a drastic order passed that, owing to the great dearth of corne all alehouses should be suppressed other than where there is a great thoroughfare, and that the Justices should certify the licences issued by them in these several divisions (p. 144). At the Wells Sessions (1635-6) the inhabitants of Glastonbury complained that through the multitude of alehouses their town was much prejudiced and decayed (p. 248). Some places of refreshment were then, as now, absolutely necessary. John Pawley of Martock obtained a licence, for he brought a

certificate from the inhabitants "that he had a convenient cleanly house for the parishioners to refresh themselves in, being so far from the parish church that oftentimes on the Sabbath day and other holly-daies they could not go home and come again the same day; and that women bringing their young children to be christened did stay there to warm their babes, coming sometimes a mile, sometimes two, from home in the cold" (p. 34).

It has been asserted that the troubles of Charles I were due to the harshness and inhumanity of the age. Leaving the King out of the question, the evidence against the times may be said to be written in these records in letters of blood. Young women were flogged till their backs bled in every market town, or were sent to the nearest House of Correction to the ruin of both body and soul. Apprentices were beaten, starved, and ill-treated until they became crippled and unfit for work. One inhuman master at Cheddar had strung his apprentice up to a beam by his heels before flogging him (p. 310). Katherine Roberts, being about to give birth to a child, was hunted from parish to parish round Crewkerne, the overseers seeming to be quite indifferent to the consequences (p. 118, and *S.R.*, lxiii, ii, 37). The gaols were hells upon earth. At Shepton Mallet, Joseph Wells was kept in irons until he lost the use of his feet; the Governor, "in consideration of his cruel and hard usage," was ordered to pay the fees of the barber surgeon, but nothing was done for the wretched prisoner (p. 208). William Lovell, a distressed prisoner at Ilchester "in which woeful place he was like to come to untimely death by means of contagious and loathsome airs and discontent of mind," requested bail, which was granted.

The gaolers are paid partly by fees, and in default of payment refused to let prisoners go after acquittal (p. 32). Robert Baker of Northover, husbandman, stated to the Rev. Paul Godwyn, D.D., that he covenanted with Richard Browne, Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol at or near Ivelchester, to serve him one year at a standing wage of forty shillings; his vailes otherwise would be worth *10*li.* per an.* or thereabouts. A prisoner committed to his custody and oversight escaped from him, but without his consent, and utterly against his will. [*S.R.*, lx, 85.]



The Keeper of the Gaol informed the Bench at the Ilchester Sessions (1628) that some of the rooms at every great or high water were drowned, insomuch that the poor prisoners imprisoned in those rooms are like many times to be in danger (p. 67). This state of things lasted until the imprisonment of Henry Hunt in 1821. The debtors about 1638 complained that they were compelled to associate with the felons. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 81.] The children of women convicted of felony accompanied them to the place of execution at Taunton, and were then left behind; so that the Court was obliged to make special orders for their maintenance (p. 208). The people were naturally brutalized. There was a riot in church at Glastonbury on Ascension Day, 1634, when a child was killed (p. 219); and an unlawful assembly at Brislington in 1637 resulted in the death of a boy (p. 275). Walter Taylor of Thurloxten complained to the Bench at the Bridgwater Sessions (1628) of the behaviour of George Haberfeild, who not only detained some money, but also "for whipping him in most vild manner, pretending that the said Taylor was lunaticke."

It was stated on behalf of Elizabeth Hartnoll that her trustees kept her money and suffered her to remain bedridden, from which miserable condition she was only rescued by her neighbours (p. 181).

The Justices showed kindness of heart, even when it might not have been expected. They made an order for the release of Wilmot Milton from the Bridewell at Taunton, "according to our desire more willinge to heare of her amendment than to have her abide punishment." [S.R., lvi, i, 34.]

Sir Robert Hopton interested himself on behalf of a poor boy "one Swett" sent for trial on charge of stealing eight pence; "and if the boy be not executed, as God defend he should, for this small fact," that his father might not be charged heavily in the matter of fees (p. 44).

The Justices must have had considerable difficulty in preserving their patience and gravity while listening to the matters preferred to them. Susanna Rogers complained of the conduct of William Marshall, the sheriff's bailiff, who broke open her house in search for John Poyntroin, whom she might have married "if this trouble doth not hinder the same." [lvi, i, 51.]

Henry Broster of Hinton St. George petitioned that, whereas his wife had been sent to gaol for injuries done to him, he was well contented to suffer and endure her misbehaviour in regard his four children are uncared for and like to perish by reason of their mother's absence." [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 78A.] The Parish of Weston [Zoyland] complained that Richard Baker, who was at the Assizes indicted for attempted assault on a married woman, and many "did report the same," as he saith, so he had cited some into the Ecclesiastical Court at Wells who compounded with him for small values, for six pecks of malt, for "lent" of a horse, and such like conditions ; and persisting in this practice giveth out in speeches that he hath a catalogue of three score poor people with many others in other parishes to be revenged upon. They ask the Court to take such Christian order and course with him that they may live in peace. [S.R., lviii, ii, 16.]

Sir Ralph Hopton ordered Christopher Harvie after Evening Prayer in Evercreech Church, 24 June, 1629, in the presence of the minister and twenty more of the sufficient inhabitants, to openly acknowledge and confess that he had much wronged John Robins by using many scandalous speeches and evil reports of him, the said Robins, in accusing him of witchcrafte and of theft in stealing a sack ; and to ask his forgiveness, and to promise that he would never offend again, but would henceforth behave and carry himself towards him as a good Christian and neighbour ought to do.

A very good illustration of the dangers of country life appears in S.R., lx, 89, 90. Elizabeth Hedges of Tickenham deposed on examination that Bartholomew Kidley craved lodging at her house, which being granted he winded his horn to which came his wife, George Abraham with his wife, and several others ; and they terrified her so much that she sent her son to Mr. R. Davies, who issued a warrant to commit them all to Shepton Mallet. On the way they overcame the tythingman, took the warrant away, and Kidly threatened to make pies of the body of the complainant. Kidly, on examination, first stated that he was a poor gentleman of Worcestershire, but then confessed that he came out of Bedlam in London about six years since, having no pass to travel ; and said that he winded his

horn at Goody Hedges' house to no evil intent, but to call his companions to him. Disraeli's *Curiosities of Literature* contains an article on Tom o' Bedlams, with references to the literature of this period; the horn seems to have always been part of their equipment. Hardly less troublesome must have been the wandering Irish beggars and rogues. At one time they were returned to their native land by ships from Bristol, but it was found that if the captain was delayed by wind or tide going down the Avon, he was apt to put them ashore (p. 117). When this trick was exposed they were sent through the county to Watchet or Minehead, whence they had a clear passage to their native country.

There seems to have been a growing disinclination to pay parochial rates for the repair of bridges and roads. The inhabitants of Lyng were particularly dilatory to carry out certain repairs; and when at length the pressure became too severe, the work was carried out so carelessly that an occupier of land complained that his own entrance was completely blocked up. Disputes between adjacent parishes went on from reign to reign, and in the meantime the necessary repairs were left undone. Time after time the Bench request the Justices of the Limit to finish the controversy if they could. Though not quite to the point, one may quote from Touchstone: "I knew when seven Justices could not take up a quarrel; but when the parties were met themselves, one of them thought but of an *If*, as, If you said so, then I said so; and they shook hands, and swore brothers. Your *If* is the only peacemaker; much virtue in *If*."

At the end of the second chapter of his *Constitutional History of England*, Professor Maitland pointed out the value of Shakespeare's plays for illustrations of Elizabethan law and order. I confidently recommend these two volumes of Quarter Sessions Records, which it has fallen to my lot to edit, as an excellent commentary on the sayings and doings of Shakespeare's characters.

## CORRIGENDA.

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- Page 51, No. 38, *for* vows *read* orders.  
,, 68, ,, 36, ,, scales ,, seals.  
,, 72, ,, 5, ,, separations *read* reparations.  
,, 84, ,, 17, ,, Nevell *read* Yevell, *i.e.*, Yeovil.  
,, 104, ,, 24, ,, Arthur ,, Anthony.  
,, 185, 3 lines from bottom, *for* Butt *read* William Bull.  
,, 257, No. 14, *for* Payne *read* Pyne.  
,, 285, ,, 19, ,, rents ,, rates.

# SOMERSET

## QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS,

TEMP. CHARLES I.

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MINUTE BOOK No. II, 1620-1627.

GENERAL SESSIONS HELD AT ILCHESTER the 26th, 27th, and 28th April, 1 Charles [1625], before Sir Robert Phelipps, Sir Henry Berkley, Sir George Younge, Paul Godwyn, D.D., Robert Hopton, John Stawell, John Symes, Hugh Pyne, George Browne, Richard Cole, Edward Lancaster, and John Harbyn, esquires.

I. "Whereas Dyones Indoe before this tyme being resident and settled according to the lawe in the parish of All Saints Barking neere Tower street in London, was hearetofore sent as a vagrant pson by passe vnto the pish of Martocke in the Countie of Soms<sup>t</sup> wheare she p<sup>r</sup>tended one William Indoe her husband Dwelt. And she was by passe sent againe backe to the said pish of All S<sup>t</sup> Berkinge where she last Dwelt, as by dewe examina<sup>o</sup>n yt Doth appeare. After w<sup>ch</sup> tyme the Right Hoble Sr James Ley, knight, Lord Cheefe Justice of the Kings Bench vppon false Informa<sup>o</sup>n vnto his Lordshipp made by the said Dyones Indoe that her said husband lyved in Martocke aforesaid; She was againe by his Lordshippes Direc<sup>o</sup>ns sent back to Martocke. Afterwards the pishioners of Martocke (seeinge they weare like to be charged w<sup>th</sup> the said Dyones

contrary to the lawe vppon false Informaçon vnto his said Lordshipp made as aforesaid) did certefie his Lordshipp of the truth therof. And thervppon his Lordshipp was well pleased and did Direct that the truth of the said Dyones Indoe and her husbands last aboad should be by some of the Justices of the peace of the Countie of Soms<sup>t</sup> examined, and accordinge to the truth therof the said Dyones should be sent and kept accordingly (And that the aboad of her att Martocke be vntill the truth theareof weare examined should be noe waies p<sup>r</sup>iudiciall to the said pish). Uppon w<sup>ch</sup> Direc<sup>o</sup>n of his Lordshipp the place of aboad of the said Dyones Indoe and William Indoe her husband before their Marriage was duely examined by the Right Wor<sup>ll</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Robert Phelippes, Knight, one of the Justices of the peace for the said Countie of Soms<sup>t</sup> by witnesses vppon oath And the said S<sup>r</sup> Robert Phelippes Doth finde that the s<sup>d</sup> William Indoe was not Dwellinge w<sup>th</sup>in the said pish of Martocke these seauen yeares and vppwards, But was Dwellinge as app<sup>r</sup>ntice w<sup>th</sup> one M<sup>r</sup> Richard Morera deale Marchant in the pish of All S<sup>t</sup> Berkinge neer Tower street in London for the space of ffive or sixe yeares where the said Dyones Indoe allsoe dwelled and weare fellowe seruants by the space of one whole yeare last past before her sendinge to Martocke, Whervppon the said Dyones was sent backe againe to All S<sup>t</sup> Berkinge And yeat since by passe (vppon her Desier as is expressed by the passe she is sent againe to Martocke whearew<sup>th</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> pisshioners of Martocke fyndinge themselues agreeued (as yt is conceaued by this Co<sup>rt</sup> they haue iust cause) this Co<sup>rt</sup> Doth order that the said Dyones shall passe forthw<sup>th</sup> to the s<sup>d</sup> pishe of All S<sup>t</sup> Berkinge where she ought by lawe to be settled And therefore she is appointed to trauell to All S<sup>t</sup> Berkinge aforesaid keepinge the Direct way thether not stayinge in her iourney above the space of eightene dayes next after the Date heare of Dated and sealed att Ilchester in the Countie of Soms<sup>t</sup> att the genall Sessions theare holden the Sixe and Twentieth of Aprill in the ffirst yeare of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Raigne, 1625."

1A. The complaint of the inhabitants of [ ] that they were overcharged with the rates "w<sup>ch</sup> are to be payd vnto

the Composiçon for his Maties pvition," etc. "It is nowe thought fit and ordered by the Courte that they shall yeat pay accordinge to theire ancient rats and Customes w<sup>ch</sup> they have hearetofore payd, And if any Doe complayne at the next Sessions to be held at Taunton of theire over rate theare the Co<sup>rt</sup>e wilbe pleased to settle such rate accordinge to lawe and equitie."

2. "fforasmuch as it appeareth vnto this Co<sup>rt</sup>e by the peticon of the pishioners of Stoke vnder Hamdon that theare hath benn houses formerly built there by the consent of the sayd pishion<sup>rs</sup> to remayne to the vse of the poore theare, in one of w<sup>ch</sup> houses there hath benn some poore people placed w<sup>ch</sup> are Dead, since w<sup>ch</sup> tyme a stranger hath gotten the possession of the sayd house and hath sold the same to another Contrary to the good likinge of the sayd Pishioners"—Ordered that it should remain and continue for the use of the said poor of the said parish "accordinge as it was first built" anyone opposing or resisting this order to be bound over by the next justices to the next Sessions, etc.

3. "Uppon the Causes alleadged in a certefficate subscribed by the Inhabitants of Ilmister," etc., "George Greeneham, *als.* Salisbury, shall have allowed and payd vnto him the sume of three pounds by the Treasurer of the hospitalls of the Wester Diuision soe soone as theare shalbe soe much remayninge in his stocke."

4. "Uppon the peticon of the pishioners of Sturton subscribed by William Combe, gent., Lord of the Mannor of Nortonfferris w<sup>th</sup>in the sayd pish, licence is nowe granted by the Justices," etc., "vnto Thomas Ryall of Sturton aforesaid to erect and build vpp a Cottage or house for habitaçon vppo pte of the waste of the said Mannor," etc.

5. Jane Lewce and her husband William Lewce having brought two charges against Elizabeth Davors and having failed to appear to prosecute at two Sessions, to be bound over if they should commence another vexatious prosecution against her.

6. Order made by John May and William Capell, Esquiers, the 14th day of March, 1624, concerning a child born in the parish of Berrington (Burrington).

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TAUNTON SESSIONS PRIMO R. CAROLI [1625].

LICENC. CONCESS.

To Nicolas Tike of Upper Weare to be a badger of butter and cheese w<sup>th</sup> three horses for one yeare.

To Roger Chaplain of Street to be a badger of butter and cheese for one yeare. [S.R., lv, 24.]

1. John Markes having the "licence of Robert Jennings, Esquier, to erect and continue a Cottage" upon parcel of the waste of the manor of Hambridge. [S.R., lv, 722.]

2. "Whereas it appeareth unto us by p<sup>r</sup> sent that Stanmore Bridge was greatly Decayed and Dangerous for Travellers over the same, And whereas it likewise appeareth unto us by auncient Order under the hands of Sr Nicholas Halswell, Knight, Robert Cuffe, Esquiers, and others Comissioneers of Shewers within the sayd County of Som<sup>st</sup> that the sayd Bridge ought to be repaired at the costs and chargs of the inhabitants of the pishis of Aller, Higham, Hewish, Draten, Curryvell, Gregorystoake, North Curry, Taunton, Langport and Westhatch." The parishioners of the said several parishes were ordered to make an indifferent rate for the purpose according to the proportions set out in this order. [S.R., lv, 20, 21.]

2A. An order made by John Symes, Thomas Brereton, and George Browne, Esquiers, concerning a child born in the parish of Hilbuishopps. [S.R., lv, 23.]

3. Christofer Haddon of Wellington to be freed and discharged of his apprentice ffrauncis Hill daughter of ffrauncis Hill of the same place. [S.R., lv, 24.]



4. John Trowbridge of Taunton, gent., to be paid £10 os. 5*d.* towards the reparations of the house of correction in Taunton. [S.R., lv, 26.]

5. "Wheareas there hath been some controversy hearetofore betweene the pishon's of Cutcumbe and the pishions of Luxborow within the hundred of Charhampton touchinge the settlinge of one Peter Rumson and his family, It is thought fitt by the Corte that the sayd Rumson shall be permitted to reside and Dwell w<sup>th</sup> in the pishe of Cutcumbe as longe as he cann gett meanes there for his mony to releive himselfe and his famly And yf they or any of them shall hereafter growe impotent then they are to be returned backe againe vnto Luxborowe ther to be settled as in Case they had never been remoued thence vnlesse security begiven for Discharge of the sayd pish of Cutcombe from all losse and hinderance w<sup>ch</sup> may happen to the sayd pish of Cutcombe by reason of the sayd Rumson and his family." [S.R., lv, 27.]

6. Thomas ffowler of Stowey, Carpenter, to erect and build a cottage upon some part of the waste of the manor of Stowey "And to continue the same for habitacon, Although there be not fower acres of land layd therunto accordinge to the statute in that behalfe made and provided Soe as he procure licence of the Lord of the sayd Mannor and the consent of the pishioners of Stowey aforesayd for the doeing therof." [S.R., lv, 28.]

7. Nothing having been done respecting the settling of John Upham, at the desire of the parishioners of the parish of Nettlecombe the matter was referred to S<sup>r</sup> John Windham, John Coles, Thomas Windham, Gawin Mallett and Edward Lancaster Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any three of them, to make an order. [S.R., lv, 29.]

8. S<sup>r</sup> George Speake, Kt., and James Rosse, Esq<sup>r</sup>., to hear and determine all differences between Ellianor Coate and Henry Coate "to whose Arbitrim<sup>t</sup> both the sayd pties have submitted themselves."

9. Concerning a child born in the parish of Martock, Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1625.

10. Concerning a child born in the parish of Aysholt, 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1625.

11. Concerning a child born in the parish of Lilstocke—11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1625.

12. Concerning a child born in the parish of Martock—5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1625.

13. Concerning the child of Margery Parsley, born in the parish of Puckington—5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1625.

14. 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1625—touching a child born in the parish of Publoe.

15. An order concerning a child born in the parish of Kingsbury—vijth day of September, 1625.

Edward Rogers, Hughe Pyne, Geo. Browne, Robert Cuffe,  
Jo. Colles, Jo. Symes, Edward Lancaster, William  
ffrauncis.

16. Orders made and sett downe by the Justices of the peace att theire geñale Sessions holden att Taunton xix<sup>o</sup> Julij Anno primo Rs. Caroli nunc Anglie etc. for p<sup>r</sup>ventinge the greate Danger of infeccon of the Plague in and about the Towne of Taunton.

1. Inprimis it is Ordered that a Convenient place be forthwith prepared by the Constables of the sayd Towne in the wch shalbe ereccted forthw<sup>th</sup> one or more Boothes or Tents as occasion shall require for sequestringe and keepinge in of persons either infected or suspected to come from London or any other infected places which by the consent of Mr. John Trowbridge who hath frely yeelded therevnto is to be Donn in a certaine close in his possession conteyninge by estimaçon fower acres called Tunwayes, lyinge in the Tythinge of Bathpoole, w<sup>th</sup>in the pish of Westmuncion, wher the sayd Booth is to be erected w<sup>th</sup> all speed.

2. Item it is Ordered that the Constables of Taunton shall by theire Discreaçon appoynte watchmen to keepe out all

London<sup>rs</sup> and other suspected psons cominge either from London or from other infected places whether they be inhabitants or borne within the Towne of Taunton or Strangers. And not to admitt them into any house vntil they have beene kept and ayred in the sayd hose [*sic*] by the space of Twenty Dayes at the least.

3. Item yf any inhitant w<sup>th</sup>in the sayd Towne or Parrishes adjoyninge shall entertaine, lodge or harbor any person cominge from London or any other suspected place or shall receaue any goods, wares or merchandize cominge or suspected to come from thence. That then it shall and may be lawful for the sayd Constables and other Officers to sett a gard vppon the houses of such psons or to shutt them vpp in their houses or to remoove them to their families into the sayd feild appointed for the purpose afore sayd att their Discrea<sup>o</sup>n the same to be done att the cost and charges of the ptie soe offendynge and farther the sayd pties vppon complaint of the Constables vnto some Justice of the peace to be bound the good behavior for such tyme as in his discrea<sup>o</sup>n he shall thinke meete.

4. Item to the end that noe suspected psons may be concealed. It is Ordered that every inhabitant w<sup>th</sup>in the sayd Towne and places aforesayd who shall receaue any Stranger into his house ther to lodge or continue shall forthwith repayre vnto one of the Constables and give him notice of the sayd pson and from what place he came, and the ptye whoe shall lodge or harbor any stranger w<sup>th</sup>out soe Doeinge shalbe bound to the good behavior vppon complaint of the Constables and other officers.

5. Item it is Ordered that in regard all Trade and Trafficke is Debarred w<sup>th</sup> the City of London and y<sup>t</sup> little or noe wares are nowe sent thither that the Carriers be wholly restrained from travillinge thither any more vntil they shall have leaue under the hands of the two Justices of the peace adioynninge to travell tither againe vppon payne of beinge bound to the good behavior and themselves w<sup>th</sup> the goods they shall bringe to be shutt vppon sequestredas (sequestration).

6. Item for avoydinge of Danger (yf any infecon should happen). It is likewise ordered that all Strangers and Tradesmen w<sup>ch</sup> have thrust themselves into the Towne and are not

settled accordynge to the lawe, shall vppon convenient warninge given them by the Constables or other Officers by their appoyntment, Depart the Towne vppon payne of beinge bound vnto the good behavior or of beinge Committed vnto the house of Correccion, or to be otherwise Dealt w<sup>th</sup> all accordinge as lawe shall require.

Item it is ordered that this Order shall extend to all Markett Townes and places within the sayd County as occasion shall require. [S.R., lv, 3.]

Geo. Browne, Will. ffrauncis, John Harbin, Tho. Brereton, Robert Cuff, Edward Lancaster, Jo. Symes.

17. "Mr. James ffarwell is chosen Treasurer of the hospitall mony for the Easter Diuicon ; Mr. Rosse is chosen Treasurer of the Hospitall mony for the wester Diuicon for the yeare to come. John Symes, esquier, and Thomas Brereton, esquier, are intreated by the Court to take accoumpt of the Treasurers for the last year."

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#### TAUNTON SESSIONS, 1625.

[The Michaelmas Sessions were not held at Bridgwater by reason of the prevalence of the Plague.—S.R., lv, 2.]

1. Sir Henry Berkley, knight, chosen Treasurer of the Maimed souldiers, and Robte Cuffe and Edward Lancaster, Esqr. to take the accoumpte of the former Treasuror.

2. John Trott to be settled in the parish of Tolland. [S.R., lv, 25.]

3. The Court having compounded "with one Valentine Gill in the behalfe of Richard Gill, his brother, as maymed soldier within this County for his yearely stipend of fower pounds for the some of twelve pounds of lawfull mony of England who hath Delified vpp his pattent for the said stipend vnto Courte to be Cancelled" the Treasurer for the maymed soldiers was ordered

to pay unto the said Richard Gill or unto Valentine Gill, his brother, to his use the said sum of twelve pounds, etc.

W<sup>m</sup>. Franceis. Hugh Pyne. Geo. Young. Edward Lancaster,  
Geo. Browne. Robt. Cuffe.

4. Thomas Russell of Norton vnder hambdon shall haue p<sup>r</sup>esently paid vnto him for his p<sup>r</sup>esent releife the sume of 5 marks etc. in respect of the losse which the said Russell hath lately susteyned by fire.

Willm. Capell. Geo. Younge. Edward Lancaster, Hugh  
Pyne. Jo. Symes. Geo. Browne.

5. Order concerning a child born in the parish of Dolishwake,  
1 September, 1625.

6. Order concerning a child born in the parish of Old Cleue.

7. A woman living in Shepton Mallett ("being a blind and impotent woman") to be settled in the parish of Pilton where she was born.

8. "Whereas the Trowemen of Bridgwater in the said Countie in regard of the sicknes in Bridgwater aforesaid are barred of their accustomed traffique and Commerce for Coles and Culme with the Botemen which transport it into the southerne pts. of this Countye from Bridgwater aforesaid By reason whereof the said Southerne pts. are likely hereafter to susteyne a greate losse and Inconvenience for want thereof it beinge the greatest pte of their fuell in those parts. It is therefore thought fitt by the Court vppon the peticon of the said Trowmen that the said botemen and their srvants shall haue free passage from Combwitche and Bridgwater, to Langport and Ham Mills in the said Countie with their freightes and boates as heretofore they haue usually done, soe as none of the said Boaten men goe into Bridgwater for any occasions of victualls or otherwise duringe the said sicknes there."

9. An order varying an order made concerning a child born in the parish of Stogursey which had since died.

10. Further order respecting the settling of Johane Upham nothing having been done therein since the last Sessions.

11. The matter of the petition of Richd. Pococke and Edward Hemburroe concerning "the repairacons of Pinckham bridge and the way lyeinge in Sedgmoore in the pish. of Gregory Stoke" referred to Hugh Pyne and Robte. Cuffe, Esqrs.

12. "Wheras the Court hath ben enformed on the behalfe of the Townsmen of Bridgwater in the said County of Somst, the greate misery and distres they ar fallen in by reason of the infectious disease of the plague now amongst them, by meanes whereof all fforaine traffique and Commerce with any of the Townsmen is restreyned and so they ar like to fall into greate want and poverty." [Remainder illegible.]

## WELLS SESSIONS, 1 CHARLES [1625-6].

### LICENS. CONCESS.

To Nicholas Staple of Hutton husband, to be a badger of Butter and Cheese for one yeare to bye in this County and sell againe in Wiltes, Southampt, Dorsett, Devon, and to travell for fower horses and himself.

ad p form licens.

To Tristram Lawrence to malt.

To Wiltm Harvo of Stanton Drew to erecte a Cottage vppon Mr. Samuell Powell's land there.

1. Order made upon reference to Sr John Wyndham, Knt., George Luttrell, John Colles, Thomas Wyndham, Gawen Mallett and Edward Lancaster, Esqrs, or any three of them in the matter of the difference between the parishioners of Nettlecombe, St. Decumans and Wiveliscombe concerning the settling of Johan Upham settling her in the parish of Wiveliscombe.

Jo. Wyndham, Geo. Luttrell, Tho. Wyndham.

Order of the Court confirming the preceding order. [S.R., lvi, ii, 27, 28.]

2. "Whereas vpon informacon made on the behalfe of the Townsmen of Bridgwater in the County of Somst and vpon certificate likewise made by the Maior and Aldermen of the said Toone att the last geñall Sess<sup>s</sup> of the peace holden att Taunton for the said County the fflowerth day of October last that they were fallen into great misery and distresse by meanes of the infectious disease of the plague then lately fallen amongst them. By meanes whereof all foraine comerce and traffique with them was restrained and so they were fallen into great pouertie, in so much that they were not able to releive themselves and their poore and infected psons where vpon the Courte then taking the p<sup>r</sup>misses into their Consideracons did then desire that Sr. Nicholas Halswell, Knt., Edward Rogers, Edward Popham and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, etc., or any twoe of them woulde with convenient speede take the p<sup>r</sup>misses into their Consideracons and to rate and taxe the Country there nere adioyning for reliefe of the said Towne in this their misery as to them or any twoe of them should seeme Convenient and as the lawe in that hath provided wherevpon the said Edward Popham and Robt. Cuffe according to the said order of reference, and accordinge to the forme of the Statute in that case made and provided, [ta]king care and Consideracon of the p<sup>r</sup>misses did call before them the most sufficient psons of the Country and pishes nere adioyning and did then rate and taxe diuse pishes and Hamblettts within five myles adioyninge to Bridgwater aforesaid at such reasonable weekly payment as they thought fitt, as by the certificate thereof now shewed in Courte vnder the hands of the said Edward Popham and Robt Cuffe appeareth Diurse of which pishes and Hamblettts as is now enformed have sithence continued paymt of the said weekly taxe by the space of eight weeks and none above, and many have paid for lesse tyme and some of them have not paid att all. Now forasmuch as the Court is farther enformed on the behalfe of the said Towne that the said disease doth yett continue amongst them, and their charge is as greate yet as heretofore in releuing and keepinge vpp their infected psons and such as haue ben infected consistinge of a great number, none of them being pmitted to gett their reliefe by their labour in respect of the danger of infection. It is, therefore, now ordered by the Courte that the Arrerages of

the said former tax and assessment soe made by the said Edward Popham and Robt. Cuffe be forthwith paid in and that those that refuse to pay the said rate as they haue ben taxed as aforesaid shalbe bound ouer to the next Sessions to answer their Contempt in refusinge the same And that the Constables and Tythingmen be diligent in making Colleccon of the said Taxacons vnder the paynes that the lawe in that Case doth require. And ffurther It is desired by the Courte that Edward Rogers, John Symes, Thomas Brereton, Esqrs., etc., or any twoe of them would be pleased to take the pmisses into their further Consideracons to se the arrerages paid in and leuied as aforesaid and to Continue the said taxacon as to them shalbe thought most fitt and needfull vntill this Courte shall make some other order to the Contrary." [S.R., lvi, ii, 24, 31, 53.]

3. "Whereas the pishioners of Queene Charleton in the Countye of Somst did att this p'sent Sessions peticon the Courte that whereas the said pish Queene Charlton was heretofore by order made in the Sessions inioyned to Contribute fower shillings a yeare towards the releife of the poore of Pensford in the said Countie. And forasmuch as vppon the said peticon and informacon of the sd pishionrs of Charlton it did appeare that lately there haue happened tenn psons within the said pish of Charlton that ar necessarily to bee releived by the said pish." ffrauncs Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esqrs, etc., "to examine the state of the businesse" and to certify their proceedings therein at the next General Sessions, etc. [S.R., lvi, ii, 23, 55.]

4. An order made by John Symes and Thomas Brereton, Esquires, concerning a child born in Taunton 16 November, 1625. [S.R., lvi, ii, 21.]

5. An order made by John Symes, Thomas Brereton and George Browne, Esqrs, touching and concerning a child born in St. James Taunton 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1625. [S.R., lvi, ii, 20.]

6. Concerning a child born in the parish of Combe St. Nicholas 5 November, 1625, William Walrond, Ja. Ross. [S.R., lvi, ii, 19.]



7. Octavo die Decembris Anno Dñi 1625. An order made by ffrauncis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, touching a child born in the parish of Chewton. [S.R., lvi, ii, 18.]

8. An order made for the keeping of a child born in the parish of Shepton-beacham 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1625, G. Speke, Ja. Rosse. [S.R., lvi, ii, 17.]

9. An order made by John Stawell and Gawen Mallett, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for the keeping of a child born in the parish of Ashp<sup>ryors</sup> 5 December, 1625. [S.R., lvi, ii, 16.]

10. John Symes and Thomas Brereton, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, "to examine whether John Stevens and Margaret Dawe formerly Comitted to the house of Correcon in Taunton and there now remayninge ar fitt to be discharged and released out of the said house And if the said gents shall thinkc fitt to sett them att liberty then it is desired that they will give order to the keeper of the said house to discharge them." [S.R., lvi, ii, 15.]

11. "Whereas it appeareth to the Courte by the peticon of the Townesmen of ffroome that they haue disbursed the sune of eight pounds and vpwards for and towards the releife of one Phillips his wife and child who came from London in this late tyme of infecon of the plague and were shute vp in a remote house from the Towne and in keeping a good gard and watche vppon the said house and people." Referred to S<sup>r</sup> John Horner, Knight, Robte Hopton, Esq<sup>re</sup>, "if they find the said Towne of ffroome to be burdened with poore as is allegcd, etc. Then that they do cause a rate to be made in the said towne and pish for the levyinge of the said viij<sup>li</sup> and if they shall thinke fitt then to rate the hundred of ffroome also for the same and to appoynt the paymt of the said money as they shall thinke fytt." [S.R., lvi, ii, 51.]

12. Mr Doct Godwyn "to settle a course betweene Thomas Yate of Butley or his vnder Tents" who were overrated, and the overseers and churchwardens of Butley.

13. "Whereas it appeareth by the peticon of the Oūseers and Churchwardens of the pish of Evercreech that ther was forty shillings given by Edith Millard, deceased, vnto the vse of the poore of the said pish of Evercreech. And that one Ambrose Smyth of the same pish her sonne in law hath gotten the said forty shillings into his hands and hath kept the same this tenn yeares in his hands and never yielded any accompt for the same." Sr Henry Berkley, knight, to "examyne the truth hereof and to take such course there in as he shall thinke fytt whereby the money might be imployed the right way." [S.R., lvi, ii, 47.]

14. "Whereas the Churchwardens and Oūseers of the poore of the pish and Towne of Somtōn did peticon and enforme the Courte that the said pish of Somtōn is exceedingly overburdened and charged with poore that the said Inhitants of Somtōn ar not able to beare the burden thereof although they ar yearly holpen by the neighbouring Townes of Aller, Long Sutton, Kingsdon, and Evelton by an order heretofore made in the Sess. And whereas also the said Inhabitants of Somtōn did peticon that some other pishes within the said Hundred of Somtōn which haue lesse charge of poore might be rated and allotted to pay some further allowance yearly towards the releife of the said greate number of poore." Referred to Sr Henry Barkeley, knight, Hugh Pyne, Esqr, and Paul Godwyn, Doctr in Divinity, or any two of them to taxing other parishes for the relief of the poor of Somerton if necessary. [S.R., lvi, ii, 43.]

15. Order taken and set down by Sr Henry Berkley, Knt., and Mathew Ewens, Esqr, the 28th day of December, 1625, for the keeping of Rose Winter (a base-born child) of Sparkeford. [S.R., lvi, ii, 14.]

16. "Uppon the mocon in Courte on the behalfe of the Hundred of Chew in the County aforesaid touching the watchinge of the Beacon att Dundry hill within the said hundred of Chew who did alleage that the Inhitants of the hundred of Chuton in the said County of Somset (Midsom

Norton, Chilcompton and Enborroe pishes within the said hundred of Chuton only excepted), ought to ioyne in the Charge of the watchinge of the said Beacon." ffrauncis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, etc., to "call the Inhabitants of the said hundreds of Chew and Chewton before them and to examine the true state of the p<sup>r</sup>misses and to Certefie."

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IVELCHESTER SESSIONS, 2 CHARLES [1626].

1. "Uppon a Peticon &c., by the inhabitants of Ivelchester shewing that about some sixteene yeares since one Thomas Gould of the pish. of Northover nere Ilchester married one Elizabeth the daughter of William Hodges of Ilchester gent. the said Thomas Gould then livinge and some fyve yeares after with his wife in the said pish of Northover in which tyme they had one childe callen Hodges Gould and after they removed and lived att the towne of Som<sup>o</sup>ton and remayned there about the space of twoe of three yeares and had there twoe children called Thomas and Edward Gould and after went from thence to Lidford and from thence to Beere and so backe againe to Som<sup>o</sup>ton and after they came to the Towne of Ivelchester where the said Thomas Gould and his wife and children were receiued by a sister of the said Thomas Goulds wife but against the likinge of the Inhitants there. And now the said Thomas Gould falling into decaye is gone from Ivelchester and left his wife and children wholly to the charge of the said Towne of Ivelchester. And therefore desired the Courte to take some order for the releife of the said Towne of Ivelchester and to settle the said children att the plac<sup>s</sup> of their births which the Courte conceiueth to be iust. And therefore ordered that the said Children should be sent vnto the se<sup>u</sup>all plac<sup>s</sup> of their births abouesaid and ther to be p<sup>r</sup>vided for accordinge to the lawe vppon sight of this order." [S.R., lvi, ii, 12 ; lvi, i, 58.]

2. Wheras di<sup>u</sup>se of the pishioners of the pish of North Cadbury pferred their peticon to this Courte shewn that they the last yeare made a rate with the ge<sup>n</sup>iall consent of the greatest pte of the

said pish. That euy Twenty acre Tenem<sup>t</sup> should carry twoe loads of stones or more if need require att the discrecon of the way wardens there for and towards the repacon and maintenance of the highwayes there and that diuse psons did refuse to obey the said rate or to help repayre the said wayes wherfore and for that it was informed that ther was special occasions for repayringe the said highwayes for the Cariage of Saltpeter and other Caryags for his Mats service the Court is of opinion that the said rate or any other indifferent rate to be made for the repacons of the said highwayes by such consent as aforesaid shall be prferred to the twoe nearest Justics of the peace to the said pish who ar desired by the Court to consider therof and to allow and disallowe the same as they shall thinke fitt and if any pson shall refuse to pay or pforme such rate that then he or she refusinge shalbe by the Justics bound ouer to the next Sessions of the peace then after to be holden for this Countye there to ansvere such their contempt and otherwise to be dealt withall accordinge to Justice." [S.R., lvi, i, 61, 64.]

3. "By reason of the greate number of maymhed souldiers likely to be chargeable," etc., "Edward Allen gent. a maymhed souldier," to be paid £10 yearly instead of £20 yearly which he had received for a long time. [S.R., lvi, i, 62.]

4. "Whereas Complaynt is made att this Sessions by the Constables of the Hundred of Horethorne and Norton fferris that ther beinge lately warrants from the Master of his Mats Toyles to take Deere and others for salt peeter for the raysinge of ploughes or tenn shillings to be paid for euery place that made default for his [ ] service within the same hundreds for ye Caryage of Deere and salt peeter and toyles to take deere and that the said service beinge executed by certaine psons which only had ploughes which were not of the most able sorte of Inhitants within the same hundreds and other men of better abilitie hauinge no ploughs did contribute or helpe nothinge to the said service although they had ease by the same as the Court was of opinion that it was and is conscionable and reasonable for them to Doe; yet because there hath not ben as yett any rate made or ppounded for many of the said Inhitants

for levyng of the said contribucon and soe no such contempt or refusall hath ben made by any of the said Inhitants wherevpon any order may be made in this behalfe It is therefore thought fitt that first there shalbe a rate made and sett downe by ye most pte of the Inhitants within the said Hundreds and to be p'sented to the twoe nerest Justics thervnto who ar desired by the Courte to consider therof and allowe or disallowe as they shall thinke fitt And if any pson or psons shall or doe refuse to ioine in making of the said Rate or shall after the said Rate made refuse to pay so much as he shalbe rated towards the Contribucon aforesaid then it is also thought fitt that vppon Informacon and complaint made therof to any one of the said twoe next Justics the said pty so refusinge shalbe bound ouer to the next gesfall Sessions to be then after holden for this Countye there to answere his contempt in that behalfe and to be otherwise Dealt withall according to Justice." [S.R., lvi, i, 63.]

5. George Sheephay "already agreed on" as the governor of the house of Correction at Shepton Mallett "so longe as he shall behaue himselfe honestly and discharge that place of goũnor carefully and pforme all such Articles and other direccons as shalbe given him in charge by the said Justics," etc., to be allowed £40 per ann. payable quarterly, £10 by the Treasurer of the Hospitals for the eastern and £10 by the Treasurer of Hospitals of the western part and the residue £40 by nineteen hundreds of the eastern part of the county "by an even and equall rate made in each of the said Hundreds vizt all the Hundreds of the Easterne Division the hundred of Catsaish only excepted," etc. [S.R., lvi, i, 65.]

6. Clement Dodrell of Shepton Mallett who "was about twentie yeares since prest for a souldier and serued fower yeares in the warres by reason wherof he susteyned hurt in his body and lymbs" to be paid forty shillings "towards his releife and in lewe and recompence of his said hurts," etc. [S.R., lvi, i, 72.]

7. "Att this Sessions the Justics hauing ben Credibly informed by certificate vnder the hands of Diuse of the Inhitants of mynehead in the said Countye that John Walter marchant

charged with a wife and three children vsinge and exercisinge his trafique in buyinge of wooll in his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Kingdome of Ireland and exportinge the same to the buyor heere [?] of Mynehead for many yeares together hath of late by the vnmercifull violence of stormes and tempest att sea susteyned sefall wracks and losses amountinge in the whole to the value of 800<sup>li</sup> att the least and that thereby he is miserably impouished and vtterly decayed in his estate who heretofore by his industry and labor in his said Trade did releiue and sett on worke many poore people and likewise paid much custome to his Ma<sup>tie</sup> the said Justics did thinke fitt in Christian Charity and Comiseration of the said poore distressed man to Certefye the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Keep of the greate seale of England of the p<sup>r</sup>misses leauinge the same to his Lop<sup>ps</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> Considera<sup>cion</sup>."

8. "fforasmuch as it appeareth vnto this Courte that Mellony Woodland Widdowe late wife of one . . . woodland deceased was last settled with her husband in North petherton by the space of [ . . . ] together is now come to liue att Curry Mallett with her father (a poore man in the churchhous there) in [a] suspicious and vnfitting manner." Referred to John Symes Thomas Brereton and Robert Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them for the settling; to be sent to the house of Correction "if she shall refuse to pforme such orders as the said gent. shall make therein."

9. John Symes, Esqr., to order and determine the differences between Thomas Jerrard and Richard Symes of Whitstaunton if he can, etc.

10. "Whereas one Jane Palmer of Beckington in the said Countye, Widdowe, is likely hereafter to growe chargeable to the pish where she dwelleth, And whereas there was some Difference and question whether the said Joane did dwell in the pish of Standerweeke in the said Countye or within the said pish of Beckington aforesaid. Now vppon the examina<sup>cion</sup> of the truth of the businesse att this p<sup>r</sup>sent Sessions It did appeare vppon oath made to the Courte that the tenn acres called Mountcrafts

the Quarres and Wale acre and the Cottages there vppon built ar situated and lyeinge within the [said] pish of Beckington and for that it did likewise appeare that the said Jane Palmer hath Dwelled and inhitid in one of the said Cottags by the space of fower yeares and upwards," etc. Ordered that the parishioners of Beckington should thereafter provide for her.

11. "Whereas one Humfry Naysh a poore man hath ben remayning and dwellinge within the pish of Newton S<sup>t</sup> Lowe by the space of fyve yeares or thereabouts and now being maryed and like to haue charge of children the pishioners Do endeuo<sup>r</sup> to put the said Naishe out of their pish by setting of aĩcents and paynes in their Courts on such as shall giue him house-roome, or suffer him to liue in their houses which he doth or offereth to rent for his money which the courte conceiveth to be vnjust and not accordinge to lawe." The overseers and parishioners were ordered to provide him a house for his money to remain in "vppon sight hereof, John Haryngton, Esqr., to "examine the truth hereof and to bind any of the overseers or parishioners to the next Sessions if they shalbe faulty."

12. *Dundry Beacon*.—Nothing having been done the matter was again adjourned for a decision. [S.R., lvi, i, 59.]

13. "Uppon Informaõn to the Courte att this Sessions that the pishioners of Hilbishopps and Staplegrove being lately infected with the plague haue Disbursed and laid forth the sune of fforty pounds att the least for and towards the releife of the poore people beinge infected and other poor people of the same pishes in regard they were not suffered to travell abroad to gett their livings as in form tyme." S<sup>r</sup> John Stawell, K<sup>nt</sup>, John Symes, Willm. ffraunceis Thomas Brereton and Robert Cuffe, Esqrs., or any two of them, etc., to rate and tax the inhabitants within five miles of the said parishes, etc.

14. An order made by Edward Teynt and William Capell, Esquier<sup>s</sup> the 10th day of April, 1626, concerning a child born in the parish of Butcombe. [S.R., lvi, i, 56.]

15. Tristram Morse appointed governor of the house of correction at Taunton, "and that he shall haue xx<sup>l</sup> p. Ann. vnto him as hath ben formerly paid to the gouerno<sup>rs</sup> thereof," etc.

16. For the settlinge of Mellory Woodland, see No. 8.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON on the 11th, 12th, and 13th days of July, 1626, before Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wells, Paul Godwyn, D.D., Hugh Pyne, Robert Hopton, John Symes, John Colles, William Francis, Thomas Brereton, Robert Cuffe, William Capell, Thomas Windham, Anthony Stocker, and William Every, esquires.

1. Withm. Every Esq<sup>r</sup> chosen Tresuror of the hospitalls for the wester division. Withm. Combes gen. chosen Tresuror of the hospitalls for the Easter Division. Robte. Cuffe and Withm. Capell Esq<sup>rs</sup> to take the accoumpt of the ould Tresurors.

2. The "Difference between the pishioners of Bradford and the pishioners of Heathfeild touchinge the settlinge of one John Ware with his wife and family" referred to John Symes, Thomas Brereton and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup> or any twoe of them, etc., "to order and determine the same." [S.R., lvi, i, 23-26.]

3. Simon Nashion of Liddeard Epi to be discharged and freed from his apprentice Robert Nashion. [S.R., lvi, i, 22, 24.]

4. Sr Henry Barkeley Knt., Robte Hopton, Mathew Ewens and John Harbyn, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them to order the difference if they can between the parishioners of Poyntington and Rympton concerning the settling of one Withm. Jones of the said pish of Poyntington. [S.R., lvi, i, 14.]

5. John Toogood to have yearly paid unto him "fower marks quarterly so long as he shall well demeane and behaue himselfe." [S.R., lvi, i, 27.]



6. Queen Charleton having ten poor persons necessarily to be relieved to be discharged from the tax of four shillings per ann. towards the reliefe of the poor of the parish of St. Thomas near Pensford, "vntill such tyme as they are vnburthened of some parte of their charge or further order taken therein," and that the four shillings imposed upon Charleton should be taxed and set upon the parishioners of Staunton Drewe. [S.R., lvi, i, 28.]

7. Agatha Saunders of East Quantoxhead to take the apprentice lately bound unto by the overseers and to receive xxs. in consideration. [S.R., lvi, i, 29.]

8. John Langer, laborer, of Bratton, having leave from the lords of the manor to erect a cottage on some convenient part of the waste of the manor of Bratton. [S.R., lvi, i, 30, 31.]

9. No order having been made respecting the watching of Dundry Hill Beacon the same was referred for further consideration. [S.R., lvi, i, 32.]

10. "Whereas it appeareth vnto this Courte this xi<sup>th</sup> day of July, Anno Dm. 1626, etc., that Wiflm Dyke of Aishill, etc., yom<sup>r</sup> bound his sonne John Dyke app<sup>r</sup>ntice to and with Clement Clarke of Crewkerne, etc., mercer, for the space of Nyne yeares to serue him in his said trade of a Mercer. And whereas also it appeareth that the said Clement Clarke hath now given over his said trade and is gone into Ireland or some other remote place from his said home ; the said John Dyke is discharged from his apprenticeship." [S.R., lvi, i, 33.]

11. "It is att this Sessions ordered that Edward Terrill of Dunster shall pay ouer vnto the ou<sup>r</sup>seers of the poore of [the] parish of Dunster the sume of Eight pounds to the vse of the poore before the next ge<sup>n</sup>fall Sessions of the peace beinge mony which the said Edward Terrill hath heretofore lent out of the stocke of the said poore beinge trusted therewith to the vse of the poore. And that the said Edward Terrill shall for euer hereafter bee discharged thereof. And shall haue all such

bonds and other securitye as haue ben taken for the same eight pounds made over vnto him. And for that it appeareth there are sefall bonds and other securitye of beddinge and such like for the same, It is therefore further ordered that the said Edward Terrill shall receive only the said eight pounds vppon the said security with such reasonable costs as he shall expend in the recovery thereof if he therevppon Due to be Delivered vnto him the s<sup>d</sup> Terrill p<sup>r</sup>sently vppon his payment of the said eight pounds to the said overseers as aforesaid."

12. "ffor that it appeareth to the Courte by the petiçon of Gregory Gardner yt the Inhitants of the pish of Upton doe refuse to pay such moneys as the said Gardner hath laid out for the said pish (as he conceiveth) towards the repaçons of a Bridge called Heale bridge" (between Dulverton and King's Brompton). Referred to S<sup>r</sup> John Wyndham, Knt., George Luttrell, Wiltm. ffraunceis and Thomas Windham Esq<sup>rs</sup> or any three of them, etc., "to examine the p<sup>r</sup>misses and therevppon to take such order therein as to them or any three of them shall seeme requisite." [S.R., lvi, i, 25.]

13. "Whereas there was one Wiltm. Eyres putt an App<sup>r</sup>ntice vnto Robert Squire of Westmudford by the oulseers of the poore of Trent who gaue with him seaven pounds, now the said Robte. Squire being Dead and leauinge his wife Willmott Squire his executrix the said Willmott Squire hath of late turned home againe the said App<sup>r</sup>ntice whereby the said pish of Trent hath and ar like to be charged againe with the said App<sup>r</sup>ntice. It is therefore att this Sessions ordered that the said Willmott Squire shall pay back againe vnto the said oulseers of Trent the sume of liij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> parte of the said seaven pounds thone halfe thereof att Michaelmas next thother halfe at o<sup>r</sup> Lady day following and that John fry her brother shall enter into bond for the paym<sup>t</sup> thereof who was now in Courte and consented therevnto. And if they shall refuse to pforme this order then vppon complaint to the next Justice of peace the said Willmott Squire and John fry to be bound to the next Sessions to answeere their contempts herein."

SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER, the 19th, 20th, and 21st days of September, 1626, Before Sir John Stawell, Sir John Gill, Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wells, Sir Edward Rodney, Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Powlett, Robert Hopton, Edward Tynte, Thomas Windham, William Capell, and Robert Cuffe, esquires.

1. Sr. John Stawell, knight, chosen Tresuror of the Meyhmed Souldiers for the next yere And Sr Edward Rodney and Doctor Barlowe, Deane of Wells, to take the last Tresurors Account.

2. "Whereas there hath been of late diſse payments of mony by the Direcons of the Deputie leiftennants of the Countye levied by the Constables of the hundred pettie Constables and tithingmen It is ordered that the Justices of the peace of eſſy Division may once eſy yere att the least or more often if they please call before them the said officers and require them to give an accompt of all such monyes as they have received or disbursed by reason of such Direccons as aforesaid."

3. Arrearages of £126 due to the "Muster Master of this Countie" ordered to be paid to him.

4. Forty pounds to be raised yearly equally by the Easter and Wester Divisions, etc., the twenty pounds raised in the Easter Division to be paid yearly to the keeper of the house of Correction at Shepton Mallett.

5. John Trott "to remain att Tolland until the next Sessions," etc.

6. "ffor that it appeareth to the Courte that Thomas Mathew hath ben formerly prest for his Maties svce vnder the Comaund of Captaine Preston and had licence to depte from him by reason of his sicknesse and Duringe that time only And for that he and all other souldiers ar now required to retourne backe to their Comaunders. It is ordered that the said Mathew shall forthwith repayre into his said Captaine vppon such payne as the lawe

requireth and if he shalbe taken in neglect of such his repayinge as aforesaid that then he be apphended and brought before any Justice of peace to be dealt with all accordinge to the lawe."

7. "Whereas Thomas Anthoine did peticon this Courte that whereas he by the request of the Countrey hath repayed a decayed Bridge nere Ham betwene North Curry and Bridgwater and laid out of his purse thirtie shillings for the repayinge thereof the Moytie of which he hath received from the chamber of Bristoll and the other moyety he cannott receive from the Countrey adioyninge that ar charged therewith It is therefore desired by the Courte that Edward Rogers and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., twoe of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Justices of peace within the said Countye would be pleased to examine the state of the businesse and to sett downe an order for the payment of the same by those thythings and places as by examinacōn shalbe found chargeable therewith." [S.R., lvi, i, 2.]

8. "Uppon the peticon of the Oūseers of the poore of the pish of West penſde and by the consent of Edward Rogers Esq. Lord of the Mannor of West penſde afores<sup>d</sup> Licence is graunted vnto Richard Hole and Thomas Hoskyns oūseers of the poore of the said pish to erect and build a Cottage for habitacon for one William Walter his wife and children beinge growne poore and impotent and borne in the said pishe called the grove lyeinge nere Coxebidge within the said pish of West penſde although there be not fower acres of land layed there vnto according to the lawe and that the said Cottage so built shall remayne to the vse of the poore of the said pishe accordinge to the lawe." [S.R., lvi, i, 3, 4, 5.]

9. "The Inhitants of the Hundred of Chewton shall continue their watching of the said beacon accordinge to a former order of this Courte vntil the next Sess<sup>s</sup> att which tyme the said differences wilbe fully ordered and Determined." [S.R., lvi, i, 7, 9.]

10. An order set down and agreed upon by Gawen Malett and Willm. Every Esq<sup>rs</sup>. concerning a child born in the parish of Wellington, 13<sup>th</sup> day June (?) 1626. [S.R., lvi, i, 12.]

11. An order taken and set down by S<sup>r</sup> Henry Berkeley and Robte Hopton, Esqr, etc. the last day of July, 1626, as well for keeping of Ambrose Boyce born in the parish of Evercreech, etc. [S.R., lvi, i, 13.]

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of January, 1626-7, before Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wells, Gerard Wood, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Powlett, Robert Hopton, Francis Baber, John Maye, John Farwell, William Capell, Anthony Stocker, John Harrington, and John Harbyn, esquires.

1. David Parker late of Somerton deceased having "left behind him five poore children twoe of whereof were borne in other parishes viz. John borne att Pitney and Thomasine att Glaston" the two children were ordered to be settled in the parishes where they were borne. [S.R., lviii, ii, 55, 56.]

2. The difference between one Witm Hedges of Staunton Drewe and his wife and one John Sage referred to ffraunceis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lviii, ii, 31, 54.]

3. Thomas Batson *a/s*. George of filton *a/s*. Whitchurche, Tayler, to build a cottage there on some waste of the land of Nathaniell Holbatch, gent. in the parish of Whitchurch aforesaid having had his consent. [S.R., lviii, ii, 42.]

4. "Whereas there is a gate att Studley Hill within the pish of Pulton [*i.e.* Pilton] which Diuidith a greate ffild of fflower hundred acres called Wotton feild (which now lieth Comon) from the nowe corne feilds of Pulton, West Holme and Easter Compton which gate hath aunciently ben repayred and mainteyned by the ffarmor of Pulton who had the ground next adioyninge as it is alleaged, which ground is since come to the

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possession of one Stephen Swadwell of Wotton and George Hassell of Pulton who doe refuse to repayre the same to the great hurte of the Inhabitants of Pulton Westholme and Easter Compton"—Swadwell and Hassell ordered within four days to set up and continue at all time thereafter a sufficient gate at Studley Hill, in default to be bound over to the next Sessions. [*S.R.*, lviii, ii, 33, 34.]

5. "fforasmuch as Edith Pearce of Palton widdowe peticoned the Co<sup>rt</sup> that one Richard Bourne of Palton hath obteyned a licence to sell ale in Palton aforesaid beinge an insufficient man to the great hinderance and impoverishment of the said Edith who keepeth an Auncient Inn in Palton aforesaid by meanes whereof she and her child ar like to come to the pish"—Referred to ffraunceis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup> "to take the p<sup>r</sup>misses into their considera<sup>co</sup>ns and to sett Downe some good order therein and to supp<sup>r</sup>sse the said alehouse if they thinke fitt." [*S.R.*, lviii, ii, 32, 33.]

6. S<sup>r</sup> Henry Berkly, Knt., Robte Hopton and Mathewe Ewens, Esq<sup>rs</sup> to examine whether George Gilbert who had lately come to inhabit the parish of Broad Merston, should give security or not to free the parish of "any charge that should happen by reason of his coming thither," etc. which he at first promised to do but had since refused. [*S.R.*, lviii, ii, 28.]

7. The complaint "by John Green and others of the pish of Milton Clivedon that the tythinge rate there is very vnequall" etc., to be settled by "some honest and Discrete pson" chosen by the complainants and "one other honest and Discrete pson chosen by the rest of the Inhabitants of the said pish of Milton out of the pish of Evercreech being the next adioyninge pish to Milton aforesaid. And that they will take into their considera<sup>co</sup>ns the pticular value and qualitie of euymans land And that they will shortly after vppon a Sundaye after divine svce cause the same to be published in the pish church of Milton aforesaid to the intent that if any man shall finde himselfe aggrieved he maye appeale vnto the next ge<sup>n</sup>all Sessions." [*S.R.*, lviii, ii, 30.]

8. "Uppon the Informacon made vnto the Co<sup>rt</sup> on the behalfe of John Hodges gent. who complayned that he havinge Lands in Odcome and yett not dwelling there is ouercharged by the pishione<sup>rs</sup> in their rates of Composicon and other rates." Referred to John Poulett, John Sidenham and John Harbyn Esq<sup>rs</sup> or any two of them to make any order touching the said rates. [S.R., lviii, ii, 27.]

9. "Ordered that the tythings or parishes of Witcombe, Ubley, Compton Martyn, West harptrey, Henton Bluett, High-littleton and Paulton shall constantly keepe Watch and Ward vppon all occasions[at Comand] att the Beacon att Dundry And that in like manner the Tithings and pishes of Midsomer Norton, Emborowe, Chilcompton, Stone easton, farrington and Cameley shall watch at Ryborrowe Beacon And we do further order and thinke fitt that the Inhitants of Chewton shall continue the watch att the said beacon at Ryborrowe vntill they shall make it appeare before the Judges att the next Sommer Assises that they by the Statute ar to be exempted from that svce To whose better opinion in poynt of lawe we humbly referr the consideracon therof." [S.R., lviii, ii, 21, 29.]

10. "Whereas David Sheppard and John Sheppard of Weston etc. were bound vnto this p<sup>r</sup>sent Sessions att Wells touching the payment of the Kingsilver in the said tythinge and pish of Weston due vnto his Matie by the Colle<sup>c</sup>on of Sr [Henry] Berkeley Knt." etc. 6s. 8d. still remaining "vnsatisfied vnto David Macy tithingman of Weston," etc. ordered "that all Lands anciently exempted from the said payment of Kingsilver continue soe discharged in the pish of Weston And that all other Lands in the said pish and tythinge be rated in an equall ppor<sup>c</sup>on, either after the rate of the yard Land or by the acre which shall appear to be most indifferent. And that the last ffiveteenes payd by the said David Macy shalbe forwith satisfied by the said tythinge and pish in such indifferent rate as aforesaid being fiftie shillings att each kingsilver besides the charges of the said David Macy susteyned by the Deteyninge thereof."

11. With free consent of both parties Henry ffowler to be freed and discharged from his apprenticeship with Richard Sore *als.* Sheppard of Dundry Weaver. [S.R., lviii, ii, 25, 26.]

12. "Whereas by reason of a greate and terrible invndaçon of water happeninge about the xiiij<sup>th</sup> Daye of October last was twelue moneth the Dwellinghouse, Corne hay and other household stuffe to a good value of one Grace Mogridge of Porlocke within this Countie was violently broken downe and carried into the sea to her vtter vndoing as by a certificate vnder the hands of George Luttrell and Edward Rogers, Esq<sup>rs</sup> etc., and Diverse of the Inhitants of the said pish of Porlock, etc.," £6 13s. 4d. ordered to be paid to the said Grace Mogridge "towards [her] reliefe in this her extremity." [S.R., lviii, ii, 23, 24.]

13. Robert Hopton, Esq<sup>r</sup>, att the instance of all the said pties "to examine and Determine if he can" all the differences and suits between John Corpe of Barrowe lane and Mathew Toogood, Robte Stacy, Elizabeth Stacy his wife, and Richard Webb, etc. [S.R., lviii, ii, 22.]

14. "Whereas Letters were lately Directed from the Lords of his Mats most hon<sup>ble</sup> privie Counsell Declaring his pleasure concerning the removinge of his forces lyeing within the County of Devon and Cornwall into certaine places nerer the City of London and that all such souldiers as should passe through this County should be paid by this Countie after the rate of eight-pence the Daye for eucry souldier after the time that seaven dayes pay were past the charge whereof was disbursed by pticuler Constables of seüall hundreds through which the said Souldiers passed vnto whome the mony so by them Disbursed is yet coming as the Cor<sup>t</sup> is informed."—Ordered "that the said Constables that have laid out any monyes for the said souldiers both for their paye as afore-said and other charges for their carryags shall forwith bringe in and p<sup>r</sup>sent vnto the Deputie Leivtenant[s] or Justices of the peace or vnto any of them a pticuler note thereof in writinge which being so brought in and the pticuler sums cast vpp then the same to be rated equally vppon the seüall hundreds of this Countie according vnto a hundred rate," etc. [S.R., lviii, ii, 20.]



15. A child of one Edward Gibbens, now chargeable to the parish of ffarmburroe, to be "hereafter kept and mainteyned" by the parish of Marksbery, where it was born, unless the parish of Marksbery should show good cause to the contrary. [S.R., lviii, ii, 18, 19.]

16. The matter of the petition of Thomas Tagburne, Ciprian Burge and Thomas Curtis with others inhabitants within the parish of Weston in Zoyland against one Richard Baker of Northpetherton husbandman for vexatious behaviour towards divers poor people in the said parish of Weston; referred to Edward Rogers and Robert Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lviii, ii, 16.]

17. The difference between the parishioners of Tolland, Kingston and Liddeard concerning the settling of John Trott to be heard and determined at Taunton Sessions next "they dwelling nere to that place." [S.R., lviii, ii, 15.]

18. "Whereas Morgan Jones of Cannington in the county of Som<sup>st</sup> Lab<sup>r</sup> hath peti<sup>c</sup>oned the Co<sup>rt</sup> that one Edward Langford of Heyegrowe in the said County gent. Doth Deteyne from him the sume of xxj<sup>li</sup> and upwards due vnto the said Jones for ways and money laid out for M<sup>rs</sup>. Grissell Rogers and the said Mr. Langford her sonne for want of which he and his children are like to pish." Edward Rogers and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup> etc. "to call the said Mr. Langford before them and to sett downe some good order and end therein and if the s<sup>d</sup> Mr. Langford shall refuse to stand to such order then to bind him ouer to the next gen<sup>l</sup>all S<sup>es</sup>sions." [S.R., lviii, ii, 8, 9.]

19. The churchwards and overseers of Castle Cary ordered to "take away and provide for twoe" of the children of Edward Gibson a poor man of that parishe, "and if they shall refuse so to do then it is ordered that he shalbe allowed and paid by the said pish twelve pence weekly for and towards the maintenance of himself his wife and children with all the arrerages formerly Due by an order heretofore made by S<sup>r</sup> Henry Berkeley, knight, as by the same order doth appeare." [S.R., lviii, ii, 6, 7.]

20. "Whereas John Byshopp late of the pish of Lukener in the Countie of Oxfordsheere about Christmas last was twoe yeares was pressed a souldier for the pish of Kilmington in the said County of Somst for his Mat<sup>s</sup> svice vnder the cheife comand of Count Mansfield and served vnder Sr Ralphe Hopton, Knt., his captaine as is at this p<sup>r</sup>sent Sess<sup>s</sup> confirmed by the said Sr Ralphe and as appeareth likewise by sefall certificats here remayning of Record who in the said svice hath lost the vse of one of his hands and is vtterly maymed in that pte." Five marks yearly to be paid him at the four general Sessions until another be made. [S.R., lviii, ii, 2, 3, 4, 5.]

21. Upon petition of the Hundred of Horethorne, the inhabitants of Catsaishe and Rimpton "shall all watch their sefall turnes at Corton beacon aforesaid (the Libtie of Milborne port only excepted) vnlesse they can shewe some good cause to the Contrary." [S.R., lviii, ii, 11, 12.]

22. An order made by Sr Henry Berkeley, Knt., and Mathew Ewens, Esq<sup>r</sup>., 10<sup>th</sup> of October, 1626, for the keeping of Bridge Cuffe born at Weeke within the parish of Milborne port. [S.R., lviii, ii.]

23. An order made by Edward Tynte and Rice Davyes, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1626, concerning two children born in the parish of Backwell. [S.R., lviii, ii, 46.]

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of April, 1627, before Sir Henry Barkedley, Sir Edward Rodney, Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wells, Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Maye, Robert Cuffe, William Capell, William Walrond, Anthony Stocker, John Harrington and John Harbin, esquires.

The rest of the business transacted at this Sessions, and the whole of that at the Taunton and Bridgwater Sessions, 1627, is wanting. The Sessions Rolls provide the raw material from which the following Calendar has been compiled.

SESSIONS ROLLS, LVIII, ii.

[*Papers relating to business at Ilchester Sessions, 1627.*]

74. Licence for Richard Austin who hath lived a huge time at Greinton to build a cottage there.

75. Petition of the said Austin signed by Edward Watts, Thomas Powell, rector, and many other parishioners.

76. John Colles, William Francis and William Every, esquires, are requested to examine the case of Nicholas Perrett of Stawley, apprenticed to Joane Marsh of Chipstable, who ran away and is now returned to Stawley an infirm cripple, and to give their opinion therein at the next Court.

77. Licence to John Burd of Nempnett, husbandman, to build a cottage there, as he hath already obtained leave of Francis Baber, esq., lord of the manor of Regilbury, so that he also obtain leave of the parishioners. Signed by Fra. Baber, with heraldic seal.

78, 79. Petition from Richard Clarke, tithingman of North Cheriton and others that some Justices of the Peace of our division next adjoining may send for some discreet inhabitants of the said tithing, and require them to make an indifferent rate, as at present they cannot agree. Referred to Sir Henry Berkeley and Mathew Ewens, esq.

80. Mr. Cuffe is requested to inquire into the paternity of a base-born child, whereof John Knight of North Curry is charged to be the father.

81. The order made at the last Sessions (Wells, 1626-7, No. 1) concerning the settlement of John Parker at Pitney is now discharged, and the said John is to be sent to Somerton where he had lived with his father David for five years.

82. Whereas the appeal of Mr. John Hodges of Odcombe against his rate was not heard because Mr. Sydenham is dead,

and John Pawlett and John Harbyn, esquires, have not met; it is now referred to Sir George Speke, knt., the said Mr. Pawlett and Mr. Harbyn, William Walrond and James Rosse, esquires, or any two of them, to take order and certify their proceedings at the next Sessions.

83. Discharge of the order made at the last Ilchester Sessions, 1626, No. 1, that the Hundred of Catash and Parish of Rimpton should help to watch Corton Beacon.

84. Petition of Thomas Baker of Yeovil that whereas he, with Robert Clarke and Thomas Farley, was committed to prison on suspicion of murder, and at the trial at Chard the Judge ordered them to be freed without payment of any fees, that the Justices would order the Keeper of the Gaol to hand over certain goods detained by him for the said fees.

85. Order made the 2nd April, 1627, by Robert Cuffe and Thomas Brereton, esquires, concerning a base-born child at North Curry.

86. Petition of Thomas Single of Barrington, servant to Thomas Rooke, late of that place, that whereas his master has made many charges against him, including that of breaking his head with a spade (see No. 50 in this Roll); this happened in self-defence, when his master beat the petitioner with a pike. Signed by several inhabitants, including Christopher Myntorne and Nicholas Hurman, who witnessed the quarrel.

87. Copy of an order made against Alice Kinge at the last Sessions, when she was committed to the House of Correction at Shepton Mallett "for threatening to burn Mr. Carrant his house."

88. Certificate from the rector and inhabitants of Winford in favour of John Dyer, "a man of honest life and conversation, and one that hath ever and still doth diligently and painfully follow his business in his vocation, neither ever was tainted or suspected to our knowledge of any such things as he hath been lately accused of."

89. Letter to Mr. Brown signed by Ambrose Locke Portreeve, George Hacker and Joseph Hayne, constables of Yeovil and other, that John Hayne of Long Sutton hath given security to both places to discharge them of a base-born child, and asking that he may be freed from further attendance at the Sessions.

90. Certificate from Sir John Wyndham and Thomas Windham, esquire, concerning the discharge of Nettlecombe from the burden of a base-born child.

91. Receipt by the Churchwardens and Overseers of North Perrett of the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence from Ezekiel Guppye of Pikeyate in South Perrett, in discharge of his liability for a base-born child.

92. Warrant for the apprehension of Edward Sellecke of Gregorystoke. Endorsed : This party is to put in very sufficient sureties, subsidy men, by order of the Court.

93. Letter from Jo. Carter to Mr. Kingman with instructions for the preparation of a petition to the Bench on behalf of William Lovell.

94. The petition of the said Lovell, by reason of homicide in self-defence, a distressed prisoner in his Ma's Goale, in which woeful place he is like to come to untimely death by means of contagious and lothsome airs and discontent of mind ; and therefore requests bail. Endorsed (very illegibly), granted as desired.

95. Edward Rogers, William Francis, Thomas Brereton, and Robert Cuffe, esquires, or any two of them, are requested to examine the differences between Middlezoy and North Petherton concerning the settlement of Grace Illary and her child.

96. Order made the 2nd of April, 1627, by Sir John Horner, knt., and Robert Hopton, esq., touching a base-born child of the parish of Cloford.

97. Dr. Godwin is requested to call Zachary Periam and Robert Walter before him and enquire into the truth of the

complaint of Thomas Rugg that he being an illiterate man was induced to seale a general release in an action where he was plaintiff, and they were defendants.

98. Alteration of the above order so that all the parties shall attend on Dr. Godwyn.

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SESSIONS ROLLS, LVIII, i.

[*Papers relating to business at Ilchester and Taunton Sessions, 1627.*]

1. Warrant issued by Robert Hopton, 17th March, 1626 (7), to the constable and tythingman of Freshford to arrest William Hinder and John Timmines (?) of that place, on complaint of Robert Shea of Hinton Charterhouse, gent., that they came very suspiciously under his kitchen window at night and would not depart until one with a piece charged went out.

2. The contribution of North Cadbury to the Hospital money, maimed soldiers and other charitable uses fixed at sixpence weekly, on their complaint that they were overcharged.

3. Licence to John Burd, a very poor man, to build a cottage at Nempnett on a site to be assigned by the lord of the manor of Regilbury.

4. Petition of Ellis Pawley of Martock to have a licence to tippie and sell beer there as he hath done for many years past. Certificate in his favour signed by many inhabitants "the rather he hath a convenient clenly house for the parishioners sometimes to refresh themselves in, being so far from the parish church that often times on the Sabbath day and other hollydaies they cannot go home and come again to church the same day; and for that the women of the parish when they bring theire young children to be christened do often stay there to warm their babes, coming sometimes a mile, sometimes two, from home in the cold."

5. Order by Sir George Speke and William Walrond, esq., for the maintenance of a base-born child at Ile Abbotts; 3rd April, 1627.

6. Appeal of Elizabeth Parfett to have the warrant granted against John Ills executed, or he will be the undoing of her and six small children.

7. Confirmation of an order made by John Harbin, esq., J.P., for the removal of Mary Savage from East Chinnock to Corton Dynham.

8. Licence, signed by four Justices, for John Wrinkmore of Glaston to buy in open market at Taunton, Bridgwater, Bruton and Wells not more than two quarters of barley weekly, and to convert the same into malt and sell it again.

9. Costs and charges expended in a case lasting for four Sessions when the Crown was non-suited.

10. Costs in another case.

11. Letter from John Harrington to Mr. Brown that the constable of Crookhorne did appear at the Sessions and was then sent away to execute a warrant issued by Mr. Rosse.

12. Petition of East Chinnock relating to the settlement of Mary Savage (7).

13. Petition to Sir John Denham, Baron of the Exchequer and Judge of Assize, that he would admit Robert Salman (of Doultong) to bail from the gaol at Ilchester as Richard Bartlett of East Cranmore is now in indifferent health and goeth about his business, and is willing that his assailant should have mercy. Signed by John Rosewell, vicar of Doultong, and others.

14. Licence to James Perrie of South Cadbury to compound for ten shillings with Thomas Willie of South Petherton, who had brought a *Qui tam* suit against him for exercising the trade of a saddler without a seven years' apprenticeship.

15. Four lines of illegible scribble.

16. Licence to James Perrie of South Cadbury to compound for twenty shillings with Richard Bonfield *als.* Bampfild of East Coker, husbandman, in a *Qui tam* suit brought against him for buying and engrossing several sorts of grain contrary to the statute, 5 Edw. VI.

17. Licence to James Perrie of South Cadbury to compound for ten shillings with William Buyshopp of Homer (Hummer in Trent) in a *Qui tam* suit brought against him for engrossing corn contrary to the statute.

18. Declaration on oath by William Spurlocke that he intends to inform against several persons (names given) for offences against the statute of engrossing, etc., committed in Somerset during the past twelve months, 5th April, 1627.

19. Declaration on oath by John Wallys of Milborne Port of his intended informations, as in 18, 4th April, 1627.

20. Declaration on oath by William Jeanes of Long Sutton of his intended informations, as in 18, 3rd April, 1627.

Nos. 14-20 are signed by John Harrington.

21. Letter from John Rosewell, dated from Doultling, 3rd April, 1627, to Sir Edward Rodney, knt., with reference to No. 13. Robert Salman, the younger and George Dory (since absconded) had laden a horse with choice rods in a wood, and being challenged by Robert Bartlett, woodward of Sir John Horner, had beaten him so that he had to keep his bed. At the assizes the judge ordered Salman to be continued in gaol until further order, where his father, a poor man, is unable to maintain him. He requests that he may be admitted to bail. Endorsed, bail allowed.

22. Letter from Sir John Horner on the same matter.

23. Order made at Ilchester Sessions, 1627, that Henry Cooke and William Maundrell shall make a weekly payment from the goods left with them by Andrew Hall, who has fled to London, for the support of his base-born child.



24. Clean copy of the above order.

25. List of Jurors at the Ilchester Sessions.

26. Rough note of fines, etc., at the said Sessions

27. Declaration on oath by William Spurlocke that the offences for which he intends to inform against a large number of persons ; principally under the statute of Engrossing, etc., but also for shooting in a handgun, and for using trades without previous apprenticeship ; were committed in this County within the last twelve months.

28. Petition of Tristram Morse, keeper of the House of Correction, and Marmaduke Currum, keeper of the workhouse in or near Taunton, that whereas by an order made at Bridgwater Sessions, 1624, 32*li* was ordered to be raised for the master of the H. of C., who was also to keep children on work to make up his stipend to 7*li* per an. ; and at the last Taunton Sessions it was ordered that 20*li* of this money should be paid to the keeper of the workhouse in which poor children both of Taunton and Taunton St. James and the hundreds adjoining contributing were to be entertained, and the said workhouse was procured ; yet by neglect the order was not entered nor the money collected. We conceive this to be reasonable and therefore we require it to be entered as our order : Will. Every, Tho. Windham, William Francis, Pa. Godwyn, Robert Cuff, Tho. Brereton, John Harrington.

29. The examination of John Hawker in the matter of a complaint by Thomasine Lumbard, on his contempt of the order of Sir Robert Phelipps and Mr. Preston therein, is referred to Hugh Pyne, esq., who is to set down an order and bind Hawker to the next Sessions on his refusal to obey. [This order is dated Bridgwater Sess., 18 James I. See *S.R. Soc.*, xxiii, 241 ; and No. 31 of this Roll.]

30. Whereas the conduit of the town of Glastonbury hath been repaired time out of mind by a general rate yearly made by the major part of the inhabitants upon warning given in the church ; and of late several have refused to pay whereby the

conduit is very much out of repair, and the town in danger for want of water if any fire should happen, as of late there hath been three or four times. Ordered that all refusing to pay shall be bound over to the next Sessions to answer their contempt.

31. The differences between Thomasine Lumbard and John Hawker (No. 29) are referred to John Colles and Thomas Brereton, esquires ; and John Hawker to be bound to the next Sessions if he refuse to obey.

32. Petition of Symon Bennett, husbandman, who was born at Kingstone [*i.e.*, Kingston near Taunton], but had acquired a settlement at Staplegrove which he left on the promise of his father to provide him a house rent free in Kingstone, that now his father is taxed twelve pence weekly to the poor until the petitioner is removed, and the parishioners of Staplegrove will not suffer him to have any house there. Endorsed : order to be sent to Staplegrove, there to remain unless they show cause at next (Sessions).

33. This order of the Court given in full.

34. The two next Justices to Bathford are desired to call Mr. Peter Coward and the rates appointed for his Majesty's service and if they find Mr. Coward to be indifferently rated, concerning which he hath made complaint, to bind him to the next Sessions to answer his contempt.

35. At the Taunton Sessions 26th June, 1627, John Harrington, esq., is elected Treasurer of the Hospitals of the easter division ; and William Francis, esq., for the wester division. Dr. Paul Godwyn, D.D., and John Windham, esq., shall receive their several accounts.

36. After a hearing in open court of the difference between Marksbury and Farmborough on an appeal from the decision of Francis Baber and Anthony Stocker, esquires, it is ordered John, son of Edward Gibbons, be settled at Farmborough.

37. Declaration on oath by William Jeanes, similar to No. 27.

38. Whereas an order made at the Ilchester Sessions, 1623, No. 6, for the building of a house at Lottisham for Katherine Baker, widow, has not been carried out because the inhabitants could not agree upon the site; and on complaint made Dr. Paul Godwyn appointed certain inhabitants to settle upon a site; and yet by reason of the death of the overseer of the poor nothing has been done; it is now ordered that the present overseer shall with all convenient speed erect the cottage, which shall remain for the habitation for the poor. Signed: Jo. Stawell, Pa. Godwyn, Will. Every, Will. Walrond, Ric. Davey, Rob. Cuff, John Harington.

39. After an enquiry by John Colles, William Francis and William Every, esquires [lviii, ii, 76], they find that Nicholas Perrott was well when he ran away from his mistress and tried to enlist with a company of soldiers who passed that way; that being refused he took service at divers places, and lastly at Whitelackington, where the disease increased so much upon him that he is now a diseased cripple; and that he is now staying with his former mistress to her great loss and charges.

40. Order made after the finding of this enquiry that the said Perrott be henceforth relieved by the parish of Chipstable where he was apprenticed.

41. Two justices are desired to ascertain whether a house in the parish of Spaxton, where William Thorne dwelleth, is within the hundred of Andersfield as he affirmeth, or in that of Cannington as is now challenged.

42. The long difference between Kingston and Bishops Liddeard, about the settlement of John Trott, is determined by the Court to be the liability of Kingston.

43. As William Combe, gent., late treasurer of the hospitals for the easter division, did not produce his old book for the account so that it was refused to be taken, Sir John Horner and Robert Hopton, esq., are desired to take and receive the said account.

44. On a complaint from the parishioners of Laurence Lideard, that Ellis Longe hath allowed his brother-in-law, Francis Warren who, while his apprentice, was accused to be the father of the base-born child of Longe's servant to flee away before the parishioners could obtain a warrant, so that the parish is liable for the relief of the child, ordered that the said Ellis Longe shall be bound from Sessions to Sessions until he produce the said apprentice.

45. List of persons summoned to appear at the Sessions.

46. Charges sustained by John Merryott upon an Information against him by William Spurlocke: total, 26s. 4d.

47, 48. Affidavits made before Paul Godwyn, D.D., by Will. Knowman and Edward Greene, about to lay informations for breaches of sundry statutes.

49. Bastardy order made by Thomas Brereton and Robert Cuffe, esquires, at Taunton, 13th June, 1627.

50. Bastardy order made by Sir Edward Rodney and Paul Godwyn, D.D., 25th June, 1627.

51. Bastardy order made by Sir Henry Berkeley and Matthew Ewens, esq., 23rd April, 1627.

52. Certificate from William Rosewell, rector, and Walter Corder (?), overseer, that the reputed father of the last order had given full security to the parish of Yarlinton.

53. Certificate, signed by parishioners of Lockinge at the request of Robert Tucker, who was ordered at the last Ilchester Sessions to procure such certificate of his honest and good behaviour and carriage, that he hath behaved himself well, honestly and as it becometh a good subject.

54. "Good Mr. Browne, all happiness attend you. This poor woman is arrested with Peace proces for selling ale without lycence and will assure you shee hath reformed it and that upon the first warning of our officers ever since Easter last, which is

our fayre tyme, when most commonly our poore people doe offend in that kinde ; I pray you doe her what lawful kindness you may, and hope shee will recompence you for your paynes, and I shall be ready to requite it in what I may, for if she be committed she is absolutely undone. Thus hoping of your favour I leave you to God and to this charitable work towards this poor woman. Your unfeined friend, Hum. Newman." [The writer was most probably of Wincanton.]

55. "Good Mr. Brown . . . There is one Browne about Froome bound over about breaking downe a sign post, pray help him what you can, and stand to my mayd as much as you may . . . Vale yours, Ed. Wykes."

56. Pass for Robert Griffin to go from Waterford to Devonshire, signed by Robert Piggott (knt.), captain of foot in Queen's county, from my castle of Diserte, 26th April, 1627. Endorsed by the constables of various parishes where he received money, etc.

57. Bastardy order made by Sir George Speke and William Walrond, esq., 25th June, 1627.

58. The appeal of John Hedges [lviii, ii, 82], nothing having been done, is adjourned to the next Sessions.

59. Bastardy order made by Sir Henry Berkeley and Paul Godwyn, D.D., 6th June, 1627.

60. Bastardy order made by Robert Cuffe and Thomas Brereton, esquires, 30th March, 1627.

61. Certificate under the hands and marks of divers inhabitants of Weston (Zoyland) that, whereas Christopher Sanford was presented by the Hundred jury at the last Bridgewater Sessions for "not laying in of a hollow tree for a leate overthwart a way near Weston, in Plowe-moore"; the same leate and way is sufficiently laid in and amended, 22nd June, 1627.

62. Certificate from the Vicar, churchwardens, overseers and constable of Queen Camel that the bond required in No. 59 had been given.

63. Bastardy order made by George Luttrell and Thomas Windham, esq., 25th June, 1627.

64. Bastardy order made by John Harbin and James Rosse, esquires, 8th June, 1627.

65. Certificate from John Fuller, Minister of Crewkerne, and others, that the bond required in No. 68 had been given.

66. Certificate from Hugh Baunton, Clerk, rector of Hatch Beauchamp and the parish authorities, that the bond required in No. 57 had been given.

67. Certificate from Combeflorey that the bond required in No. 63 had been given.

68. Bastardy order made by Sir George Speke and James Rosse, esq., 25th June, 1627.

69. Certificate from the Collectors of the poor for Backwell that the bond required from Thomas Tanner had been given.

70. Bastardy order made by Sir John Horner, Robert Hopton and John Harington, esquires, 23rd June, 1627.

71. Certificate from Sir John Horner and Robert Hopton, esq., that the bond required in No. 70 had been given.

72. Warrant (not signed) to the Constable of the Hundred of North Curry to summon certain witnesses (names not given); 27th June, 1627.

73. Petition, signed by the Vicar, Churchwardens, Overseers, Constable and other inhabitants of Somerton, for the suppression and putting down of an alehouse for which Thomas Merrett, a glover, at the last Ilchester Sessions secretly and underhand procured a license, "since which time there are to our knowledge sundry foul and filthy abuses committed daily in his

house, and the said house is esteemed among us (and that upon some proofs and other strong presumptions) to be little better than a thievish and whorish bawdy house, to the great scandal and annoyance of our town."

74. Memorandum signed by William Eccleston (Vicar of Stogursey) that a base-born child was dead, and buried 3rd June, 1627.

75. Certificate, signed by the rector and certain of Almsford, that the bond required in a bastardy order No. 77 had been given.

76. Certificate, signed by the Churchwardens and Overseers of Timberscombe, that the bond required in a bastardy order had been given.

77. Bastardy order made by Sir Henry Berkeley and Matthew Ewens, esq., 26th April, 1627.

78. Mr. Browne, I do and ever will acknowledg myself thankfull for the favours which you have often done for me, and I have found your love towards me such that I do now entreat you to stand my friend concerning the men of Froome which have so long stood indicted for beating down of my sign, and breaking of my windows. Some of them were bound over before this time . . . . I do think they will not appear, but if they do and not acknowledge the doing of it nor traverse the indictment I entreat that you will be pleased to bind them over to the next Sessions (I am sick and not able now to follow it myself as Mr. Mogg do know); but if they do not appear, that you would send a warrant of the good behaviour for them, they are such rebellious fellowes that they do contemn both lawe and magistrate and the more because they have found Sir John Horner so favourable to them, not to bind them over, but bound me in 40*li*. to indict them; I do entreat you to understand more than I write . . . . , You poor but perfect friend to his power, Tho. Kierley, Wells, 25th June.

79. Letter from Robert Hopton to Mr. C. Brown. The first part is about the rights and wrongs of a disputed paternity, and

then he continues: "I committed a poor boy one Swett (?) of Kilmington for stealing of 8*d.* out of a coffer, who will now come to his trial, his father is a very poor man, and one honest; and if the boy be not executed as God defend he should for this small fact, then I would entreat your brother Mr. Richard Browne to take but little of the poor father for the . . . fees." [See examination of Roger Sweete, 4th May, 1627; lx, 49. Refusing to serve (as a soldier) he was committed to the House of Correction at Shepton Mallet; Kal. No. 94.]

80. Another letter from Robert Hopton asking that the case of an old man may be postponed till the next Wells Sessions as he cannot travel far from home.

81. A letter from Edward Wykes dated Wells 25th June, 1627, to Christopher Brown, principally about the receiving and division of fees.

82. Letter from Robert Hopton concerning the issue of warrants in a case, and the appearance of Ambrose Frey of Beckington to plead that he hath already been tried at Wells Sessions and acquitted. Witham, 17th May, 1627.

83. Sir George Speke and William Walrond, esq., are desired to send for Christopher Lampey and the overseers of Ileabbotts, and to enquire why the said Lampey doth refuse to obey their order made in a case of bastardy; and to take farther order as they shall think fit.

84. Decision of the Court after long debating of the matter and hearing of the proofs on both sides in open court that the order made by Robert Cuffe and Thomas Brereton, esquires, shall stand (lviii, ii, 85), and John Knight discharged [lviii, ii, 80].

85. Copy of the order referred to above. As the parties had lived in lewdness and adulterous sort long before, they were both sent to the House of Correction in Taunton, there to be severely punished, and the woman to remain for a year.

86. Petition from the inhabitants of Michael Creech that whereas not only the timber work of Creech bridge, which they



are bound to repair, but also the arches or piers are become very ruinous; and that they are burdened with the repairs of Ham bridge; the Bench will order the bridge to be viewed and order other places to help in the charges.

Endorsed: This bridge to be viewed before Bridgwater Sessions by Mr. John Colles, Will. Francis, Thomas Windham, Thomas Brereton, and Edward Rogers, esquires, or any three whether it be fit for the county to join in the repairing. John Harington.

87. Order signed by Will. Francis, Will. Every, Tho. Windham, Pa. Godwyn, Robert Cuffe, Rice Davies, John Harington, for the raising and division of the money for the House of Correction and the Workhouse [Bridgwater Sessions, 1624, No. 13; and No. 28 above].

88. Declaration on oath by Thomas Warre that the offences, for which he hath exhibited informations against several people, were committed in the county within the last twelve months. John Harington.

89. Similar declaration by William Spurlocke.

90. Similar declaration by Giles Gaylard.

91. Copy of the order endorsed on 86. The Justices named were to examine the truth hereof whoso hath or of right ought to repair the said stone work.

92. Copy of a pass issued to John Robbins, who was burnt at this Sessions for an incorrigible rogue, limiting him to go within ten days to Staphum in Wilts where he saith he was born.

93. List of prisoners whose bills were ignored by the Grand Jury.

94. Kalendar of prisoners for the Houses of Correction in Taunton and Shepton Mallet.

95. List of names (13).

96. Petition signed by the rector and divers inhabitants of Hardington (Mandeville) asking for the release from danger of arrest of a poor man Lionel Grange for building a house for which they had given permission; he having great store of children and a lunatic wife, whom, if he be sent to prison, they will be obliged to keep.

97. Whereas the difference between Heathfield and Bradford concerning the settling of Thomas Warre (Ware) was at the last Taunton Sessions, No. 2, referred to Thomas Brereton and Robert Cuffe, esquires, who after examination decided that he should be settled at Heathfield, and used all fair means with the parishioners to receive him and his family, which they most wilfully and obstinately refused to do, and certain combined together to prevent him getting a house, whereby they are forced to lye abroad in barns and stalls and outhouses; it is now ordered that Warre shall be received and provided with a house; and that the said Justices shall send for the churchwardens and overseers, and in case of their refusal, bind them over to the next Sessions together with those who combined to defeat the order.

98. The order made by Brereton and Colles, given under their hands at Chard 3rd March, 1626 (7).

99. List of Hundreds in the western division.

100. Certificate from Francis Baber, esq., that he had adjudged the settlement of a child to be at Marksbury and not at Farnborough; and for their better satisfaction had referred the parishioners of Marksbury to the next General Sessions. Endorsed: to be settled at Farnborough and Marksbury to be discharged.

101. List of jurors (15).

102. List of jurors in crown cases (25).

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## SESSION ROLL, LX.

[*Papers relating to Bridgwater Sessions, 1627.*]

1. Bastardy order made by Will. Francis, Will. Every and Gawen Mallett, esquires, 29th Aug., 1627.

2. Petition from the tithings of Charleton, East Lydforde, and Lyttleton in the Hundred of Somerton that Justices may be appointed to examine their complaint that they are over-rated, and "being chargeable with all rates and composition money, and coming upon them so often they are weary any longer to bear so heavy a burden"; and further "to call in question some former constables of the said Hundred to give account having as yet passed none at all."

3. Petition from the inhabitants of Chilton Dummer [Chilton Domer] with signatures, complaining that Thomas Hopkins or his tenant after being lawfully warned by the supervisor to carry stones for the repairing of the King's highway hath very obstinately denied and neglected the same, "when the ways have been extraordinarily chargeable to the said parish, both in regard of paying amercements for defaults, and also for our great labour and travell with our ploughs to repair the same."

4. List of jurors summoned and sworn.

5. Another list.

6. Bastardy order made by Sir John Horner, Robert Hopton and John Harrington, esquires, 23rd June, 1627.

7. To the worthy right worshipful the Justices at this Sessions assembled: Yt may please you to understand that this bearer Thomas Harris of the towne of Glaston in this county was lately hired by one of the conductors of Northamptonshire to bring hime and his companey the nearest, esiest and best way from Glaston to Taunton; And whereas wee are certified that the said Thomas Harris is bounde to appear and to answer at this Sessions for some misdemeaneure done by hime then in his

travill with the said conductor to Taunton, which we much admire, seing he alwayes with us hath behaved himeself trewly, orderly and honestly ; Therefore we hope that he is therein wrongfully accused, and that the wrongs then done were rather done by the unruly soldiers, than by himselfe, Humfrey Coward, Nicholas Mapson, Constables of Glaston. [See No. 76 ; the soldiers stole some geese on Sedgemoor.]

8. Certificate signed by divers of Bicknaller, 16th Sept., 1627, that a base-born child has been brought and remains there with their consent and goodliking upon the security given by the reputed father.

9. A similar certificate from the authorities of St. Cuthbert's, Wells.

10. Humble petition of John Meryet of Somerton, "vitler," that William Spurlock of Somerton, informer, who had been adjudged to pay him 38*s*. for a wrongful suit doth not only refuse to pay 15*s*., but also threateneth him with other suits, so that he will cause your poor orator to run out of the country without a shirt to his back.

11. Letter (faded) from John Maye to Mr. Cuffe concerning a base-born child. Endorsed: To be settled at Rowberrow according to Mr. Maye's order.

12. Letter from Bartholomew Cox to Mr. Browne concerning two informations to be tried at the Taunton Sessions.

13. Letter to Mr. Browne at Mountague from Jo. Burton [Clerk to a Justice], asking for a direct and perfect note of the twelve Hundreds and a form of warrant to be used in the agitation of the business touching the workhouse and House of Correction in Taunton, because his master is embarked in the business, also the exact sums liable from each Hundred, and the names of the Justices in every Hundred and division, 6th July, 1627.

14. Copy of the order made about the "business."

15. Letter "to his loving friends the inhabitants of Milverton and Preston" from Richard Mogg of Midsomer Norton, 11th Aug., 1627, warning them that a writ of summons has been issued against them to be tried at the next Bridgwater Sessions for divers trespasses.

Certificate from Gawen Mallet, dated from his house at Preston Bowyer, 16th Sept., 1627, that the bridge between the borough of Milverton and Preston presented for defects, has now been well and sufficiently repaired and amended.

16. Order of the Court referring back the bastardy order (No. 6 in this Roll) to the Justices who made it, that they will meet and explain their meaning of part of the order about which there is a doubt.

17. Order made by John Stawell and William Francis, to whom the case had been referred, that, as it was by the wilful neglect of Ellis Longe, sopemaker and tythingman of Liddeard Laurence that the parish is without security for the maintenance of a base-born child [see No. 44 in Roll lviii, i], he shall discharge and acquit the parish until he produce the reputed father. 3 July, 1627.

18. Pass issued at Cowes, 24th June, 1627, by Elleazand Breat "coronole" and William Pressone "captaine over a foot Bannd" to John Gilliard "being lossing owne of his eyes heare to travell for his cuntrey with out molesting."

19. Order made at the Bridgwater Sessions, 18 Sept., 1627, that 50*li.*, now due to Sir Edward Hawley the Muster Master of the County for his entertainment be paid by the Treasurer of the Maimed soldiers, and a similar sum for the year ensuing by the Treasurers of the Hospitals, John Stawell, E. Rodney, William Walrond, Robt. Cuffe, Rice Davies, Jo. Farewell, Ja. Rosse, John Harington.

20. Petition, signed by Vicar, overseers, and others, of Corston, to the Justices at Frome, after stating that whereas Margery Knight in receipt of parish relief is about to receive four pounds by the gift of the late Elizabeth Wiltshire and they are informed she intends to give this away and continue chargeable, that the

Justices will either authorize the overseers to receive this money for her relief, or that they may be relieved of her weekly payment of eight pence. Endorsed. This money to be received by the Overseers, unless any will take the 4*½*. and keep the poor woman. John Horner, R. Hopton ; at Frome 29th March, 1627.

21. Confirmation at the Bridgwater Sessions of the above order, with the addition that if Margery Knight do not give full consent for the overseers to have charge of the money, then she shall not have any relief.

22. Rough minute of the above order and confirmation.

23. Rough list of prisoners committed and fined, and of the fines laid on certain hundreds.

24. Reference to Mr. Doctor Godwyn and James Rosse, esq., to examine the difference between the magistrates of Langport and Elizabeth Pople touching the settling of the children of one John Pople of whom she is grandmother. Endorsed: Mr. Browne, I desire that Edward Fry may have the order drawn up. It concerns the towne of Lamport and Isbell Pople, made at these Sessions. John Harington.

25. Decision of the Court, on the questioning of an order made by John Maye, esq., that Edith Launsdon and her child shall remain at Rowberrow and that Camerton be discharged.

26. Declaration on oath by William Knowman that the information he intends to exhibit against divers persons are for offences committed in the county within the last twelve months. John Harington.

27. Another declaration by W. Knowman.

28. Another declaration by W. Knowman.

29. Similar declaration by Edward Greene.

30. Another declaration by E. Greene.

31. Similar declaration by William Spurlocke.

32. Another declaration by W. Spurlocke.

33. Similar declaration by Thomas Warre.
34. Another declaration by T. Warre.
35. Certificate from Ric. Cottrell, minister at Taunton Magdalen, that Jane Pidden's child died about 25th March last past.
36. Mr. Harbyn and Mr. Rosse having certified the Court that in accordance with the direction given to them [Wells Sess., 1626-7, No. 8] they had held an inquiry at Odcombe where they found the parishioners very obstinate and would not make known the value of their several livings whereby an indifferent rate could be made, while Mr. Hedges was conformable to perform anything that they or any indifferent men should think fit ; and therefore they ordered that Mr. Hedges should be rated according to the yearly value of his living ; the Court understanding, that certain parties had not been summoned to this enquiry, desires the two Justices once again to take it into consideration, and to certify their doings at the next Ilchester Sessions.
37. Dr. Paul Godwyn, D.D., and James Rosse, esq., are desired by the Court to examine the complaint of certain tithings in the Hundred of Somerton [No. 2 of this Roll] and to certify their doings therein at the next Sessions.
38. Copy of vows made at Taunton Sessions 1627 ; and the certificate of John Harbin and James Rosse, esquires ; as in No. 36.
39. List of jurors summoned, and sworn.
40. Kalendar of prisoners with their offences, and the verdicts.
41. Declaration on oath by John Dollinge that he had served a subpena granted at the suit of the King and Will. Spurlocke. John Harington.
42. Similar declaration by William Spurlocke. John Harington.
43. Articles of misdemeanour preferred against John Callowe of Compton Dundon, bailiff [bad condition.]

44. Letter to Mr. C. Browne from Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wells. Sir, I received a note of you of certain that were indicted, to bind them over to Bridgwater Sessions, by my Lord Chief Baron's orders (as I understand) ; I have bound over only three as you may perceive by their recognizances. Some that were noted in the papers are of the city of Wells, and the Maior and Aldermen stand upon their privileges and say that the Justices at large have nothing to do with them as they will answer it to the Chief Baron to bind them over according to his direction ; some are fled out of the country and are not to be found, others are in the country but hide themselves that the constables and tithing men cannot meet with them ; some constables and tything men I find faulty, these I purpose to bind over to Wells Sessions. I did earnestly desire to have attended at this Sessions, but extraordinary occasions have drawne me into Hampshire . . . . . Your very loving friend, R. Barlow. Wells, 15th Sept., 1627.

[The remainder of the Roll consists of examinations, principally in connection with business at the Bridgwater Sessions, 1627.]

## QUARTER SESSIONS MINUTE BOOK

No. III, 1628-1638.

### WELLS SESSIONS, 1627-8.\*

#### ORDERS.

1. Upon the petition of the inhabitants of the Hundred of Tyntenhull it is ordered that Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Harbyn, and James Rosse, esquires, or any two of them, should examine and settle the rating of the Hundred which consisted of but four or five small tythings with a multitude of poor people, or to certify what they had done at the next General Sessions.

2. Order made respecting the apportionment of the tithing rates of the hundred of Somerton consisting of the Borough of Somerton and the limits thereunto belonging ; Aller, Long Sutton,

\* The Sessions Rolls for this year are wanting.



Yevelton, Kingsdon, Charleton, West Camell, Somerton Erlie, Littleton, East Lidford, which had been referred unto Paul Godwyn, D.D., and James Rosse, Esq<sup>r</sup>., at the Quarter Sessions at Bridgwater.

3. Order made that Sir John Horner, knt., and Robert Hopton, Esqr. to determine the difference if they could between the inhabitants of Rewe and Chickwell in the parish of Hemington and the parish of Wellowe and one Mr. Champney of Orchardly respecting a highway which the said Mr. J. Champney had debarred them from through his grounds, and along by his house thereby interfering with their going to the market, and also to perform the King's services in the South parts, if not, to certify their proceedings therein at the next General Sessions of the Peace, etc.

4. Order in the controversy between Mr. John Greene of Milton Cleivedon and John Pruit, his covenant servant, concerning the wages, etc., due from the former to the latter. If the said Mr. Greene should refuse to give satisfaction to the said Pruit then upon complaint made thereof to the next justice of the peace to bind the said Mr. Greene to the next Sessions if he see cause.

5. "Whereas there hath ben (as this Court is informed) of late much neglect of such psons as are charged by the Statute made Anno 2<sup>o</sup> and 3<sup>o</sup> Phillippi et Marie and revived againe anno 5<sup>o</sup> Elizabeth and especially in such psons as occupie plough lands the reason being for that some ambiguitie hath hitherto bin what a plough land is by reason whereof the high wayes in most parts of this County are become foundrouse, for remedy whereof this Court doth conceive that whosoever occupieth thirty acres of land in tillage or pasture in any one pish or more ought to be charged with the findinge of a Cart, Wayne, Tumbrell or Dung pott according to the Custome of the Countrie furnished with Oxen, horses or other cattle and all other necessaryes meete to carry things convenient for that purpose, and also twoe able men with the same according to the said Statute of Phillip and Marie ffor this Co<sup>rt</sup> doth farther conceiue that thirtie acres of land in tillage or pasture ar a ploughland and so adiudged within this County And therefore this Co<sup>rt</sup> doth order that all

and eñy psons and psons whatsoever shall occupie thirtie acres of land in tillage or pasture shal be adiudged to performe such services as in the said Statute is conteyned And this Court doth farther order that this order be from henceforth pformed and obsved [observed] in all parts of this Countie."

[This order was apparently cancelled.]

6. Order made referring the petition of John Mowdie of Croscombe a covenant servant by the space of eighteen or nineteen years together unto one Robert Browne of Croscombe and was to have for his "sallery or wages" after his first year "three pounds p Annu with meates drinke and lodginge" and there was then due unto him thirty-seven pounds and ten shillings with the increase thereof which the said Robte Browne did then detain from him and for that the said John Mowdie is altogether by reason of his poverty unable to prosecute at the Common Law against the said Browne, etc., to Ralphe Barlowe, Dean of Wells, and Paule Godwyn, Doctors of Diuinitie, to meditate some good end or else certify the truth of the cause at the next Sessions, etc.

7. Sir John Horner, Knight, and Robert Hopton, Esqr. to inquire into the matter of the petition of Alexander Taylor of Ditchcatt, husbandman, who had lived within the said parish aforesaid for 21 years, having charge of wife and children, "and is now altogether destitute of any house for habitation being denied any house for his money," etc.

8. Mr. Gerrard Wood, Paul Godwyn, Doctors of Divinity, John Harbyn and James Rosse, Esqrs., to inquire into the matter of the petition of the inhabitants of Pitney "showinge many and diuise fowle misdemeano<sup>rs</sup> comitted by one Marie ffeild as also the subtile practise of the Inhabitants of Longsutton combyndinge with her to burden the said pish of Pitney with a charge of her and her children," etc., to punish her if necessary and further to take such order in the cause, "as they in their wisdomes shall thinke fitt or els to certifie att the next Sessions the true state of the cause," etc.

9. William ffraunceis and Robert Cuff, Esqrs., were desired by "this Court" to send for John Rowswell of Woollavington

on his petition shewing "that he havinge his cattle by force of process graunted out of the Hundred Co<sup>rt</sup> of Whitley in the ſaid County of Somſt taken and driven away from him by force havinge tendered mony ſo much as can be lawfully demaunded of him in the p<sup>r</sup>ſence of diſſe pſons," etc., and ſuch other perſons whom the premit<sup>es</sup> may concern and to ſettle an order therein if they can, if not "to bind thoſe that ſhalbe found refractory to the next Sessions thei<sup>r</sup>to to anſwere their contempt."

10. Order made upon the "humble peti<sup>ti</sup>on of fferdinand ffrapwell of Stone Eaſton" now preferred vnto this Co<sup>rt</sup> for him "to erect and build him an houſe or cottage for habitacon vppon ſome part of the waſte ground of the Mannor of Stone Eaſton aforeſaid, and the ſame to continue for habitacon although there be not fewer acres of Land layd therevnto accordinge to the Statute," etc., ſubject to his obtaining a licence from the lord of the manor and the conſent of the inhabitants, etc.

11. Order made for the ſettling of Thomasine Parker, who was born in the "Towne of Glaſton," the daughter of John Parker (ſon of David Parker, deceased) at Somerton, where her father was ordered to be ſettled at the laſt general Sessions at Ivelcheſter.

12. Order made for the diſcharge of Robert Rogers *als.* Lockier then deſired from his ſeven years apprenticeship which he had bound himſelf unto John Parker of Merſton within the ſaid county, "Taylor," on the ninth day of September, 1623, the ſaid Parker having "moſt inhumanely vſed his ſaid app<sup>r</sup>ntice and hath pſwaded [perſuaded] him to pick and ſteale."

13. Order made upon the humble petition to yield her ſome relief of Mary Evans the wife of John Evans whoſe huſband ever ſince they were married for the ſpace of four years "for the moſt part" had lived from her, being therevnto pſwaded and enticed by one Thomas Evans, her huſband's brother in moſt vilil [*vile*] and inhuman manner, "deſiring Sr Edward Rodney, Knight, and John May, Eſq<sup>r</sup>., to examine the ſaid grievances and to make ſome good end if they can for the reliefe of the ſaid

Mary as they shall think fitt," etc., if the said John or Thomas should refuse to perform the order to be bound over to the next Sessions "and in the meane time to be of the good behavior."

14. Sir John Wyndham, Knight, and Thomas Wyndham, Esq<sup>r</sup>., to examine the truth of the cause of one John Washer, the son of John Washer, who "att a sitting at Watchett the first day of October last past, in the placinge of diſse app<sup>r</sup>ntics according to the forme of the Statute did amongst other app<sup>r</sup>ntics by them placed then place one John Washer, etc., with one John Sweetinge, the younger of Thornecombe in the pish of Bicknaller since which said placing the said Sweetinge (as this Co<sup>r</sup>t is enformed) hath and doth refuse to enterteyne the said Washer as his app<sup>r</sup>ntice alleaging that he is a man not fitt to enterteyne an app<sup>r</sup>ntice." If they should find Sweetinge "a sufficient and fitt man to take an apprentice," then Washer was to be received by him according to the first order. Should Sweetinge then refuse he was to be bound to appear at the next Sessions to answer his contempt "and in the meane time to be of good behavior."

15. Order referring unto John Harbyn and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., in the petition of the parishioners of Martocke "concerninge some difference between the parish, George Bursie and the pish of Longsutton concerninge a childe borne at Longsutton afore-said, being a child of the wife of the said Bursie before his entermarriage with her, etc.," to make a final end thereof or els to certifie their opinions and true state of the cause to the Co<sup>r</sup>t att the next Sessions.

16. Petition of Stephen Luffe against an order made by Sr. John Horne, Knt., and Robert Hopton, Esq<sup>r</sup>., for the payment of 6*d*. weekly towards the relief of the child of Joane Parsons in his service of which she accused one Josephe Cicill to be the father. John Harrington and John ffarwell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., to enquire into matter for the next Sessions, in the meantime the said Luffe to pay the said six pence weekly.

17. William ffranceis and Robert Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., to enquire further into the paternity of a child born at Pawlett.

18. Thomas Batſon *als.* George to erect and continue a cottage at Whitchurch, the lord of the manor Nathaniel Holbatch, Eſq<sup>r</sup>., having given leave "as alſo by the maior part of the inhabitants there."

19. Order made for the ſettlement of John Maynard an impotent perſon at Briſlington, he having lived in the ſaid pariſh for the ſpace of one whole year now laſt paſt and upwards, Thomas Danyell, one of the overſeers, having refuſed to provide for him.

20. "Upon the humble peticon of Thomasine Corrington of Marke and William her ſonne therein ſhewing that about the xiii<sup>th</sup> day of December laſt by occaſion of a great fire which happened in the night, their houſes and all their goods to the value of one hundred pounds and vpwards were vtterly conſumed to their vtter vndoing, etc. Order that the ſaid peticoners ſhall have the ſume of Tenn pounds to be payd by the now Treasuſers for the hoſpitals for the County, vizt. five pounds each of them to be forthwith payd."

21. Order made upon the petition of Richard Cole of Wellowe for him to erect and build him an houſe or Cottage for habitation vppon ſome part of the waſte ground, etc.

22. Order made for Richard Doggett "to erect and build him an houſe or cottage for habitacon in ſuch a convenient place within the ſaid piſh of Salford as ſhalbe thought fitt by the ſaid Inhabitants, etc."

23. Order made "upon the humble peticon of Henry Dent of Prior ſtaunton a poore and impotent pſon to erect and build him an houſe or Cottage for habitation," upon ſome part of the waſte ground of the manor of Prior Staunton, etc., "although there be not fower acres of Land Layd therevnto according to the Statute," etc., ſubject to the "leave and liſenſe of the Lord or Lords of the ſaid ground," etc.

24. Order that Robert Cuffe and Thomas Brereton, Eſq., twoe of his mat<sup>s</sup> juſtices of the peace for this Countie ſhall

assewer the fynes and the amerciaments of the County Co<sup>r</sup>t for this last yeare in the time of the Sheriffewicke of John Symes, Esq<sup>r</sup>., late Sheriffe of this County.

25. Petition of the inhabitants of the easter part of the Hundred of Whitstone shewing that "whereas the Inhabitants of the wester part of the said hundred have vsually payd to all payments and tythinge rates thone moytie of all taxes on the said hundred and that now they do refuse to pay their full part towards the pvision of his Maties household," etc., referred "vnto Sr. Edward Rodney, Knt., Ralphe Barlowe Deane of Wells, Gerard Wood, Paul Godwyn, Docto<sup>rs</sup> of Divinity and Robte Hopton, Esq<sup>rs</sup>," etc. "to end the difference if they can or els to certifie the benche att next Sessions in whome the fault is," etc.

26. Order made by Ralphe Barlowe, Dean of Wells and Paul Godwyn, Doctor of Divinity, concerning a "bastard Childe," born at Dulcott in the pish of St. Cuthberts in Wells 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1627.

27. Order made last day of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Charles I., by Sr. John Horner, Knight, Robert Hopton and John Harington, Esq<sup>sr</sup>., concerning a base child born at Weston.

28. Order made by Ralphe Barlowe, Dean of Wells, and Paule Godwyn, Docto<sup>rs</sup> of Divinity, etc., concerning a Bastard Child born at Ashcott, etc., 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1627.

29. Order made confirming an order made by the same justices concerning a base child born at Baltisborowe, 1626, Dated 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1627.

30. Order made by Gawen Mallett and Wiffm Every, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., concerning a base child born at Nynehead this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1627.

31. Order made the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1627, by Paul Godwyn and James Rosse concerning a base woman child born at Somerton.

32. Order made that ffancis Baber, Esqr, and Anthony Stocker, Esqr. should before the next Sessions make and certify their order in the cause touching a base child's relief. William Capell, Esqr. referred to in a former order.

33. Further order made by Gawen Malet and William Everye, Esqrs. concerning a child born at Nynhead, 12th December, 1627.

34. Order made the last day of December, 1627, by Sr John Horner, Knt., and Robert Hopton, Esqr. for the keep by the mother and two "reputed fathers" of a base child born in the parish of Mell.

35-40. Informations.

41. Order made by Sr Edward Rodney, Knight, and John Maye, Esqr. for and towards the maintenance of two base children born in Shepton Mallett on the xxij<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno Dni. 1627.

42. Lyncenss granted to Henrie Smyth *als*. Sevier of Dichett husband xx<sup>li</sup>.

The condicon of this recogn<sup>is</sup> is to pforme a lycence to him graunted to be a badger of Corne to buye eight bushells weekely and to sell the same in meale or otherwise againe: by

John Horner. Hen. Berkeley. Ed. Rodney.

43. John Bull of Longsutton husband xx<sup>li</sup>. Thomas Bull de eadem husband xx<sup>li</sup> to pforme their lycence to them graunted for Drivinge of Cattle to London p.

John Horner Mil. Ro. Hopton. John Harington. Antho. Stocker. John Harbyn.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER, the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th days of April, 4 Charles (1628), before Sir John Horner, Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Farewell, John Harington, Robert Hopton, Robert Cuffe, William Every, John Harbyn, and James Bisse, Esquires.

1. Thomas Hopkins of Tytenhull the younger upon the presentment of the supervisors of the parish of Chilton Domer, on the finding of Sr Robte Phelipps, Knight, to pay 13s. 4d. for not coming to the highways with his plough for not repairing the same wayes and in case of future refusal to be bound to the next Sessions.

2. Complaint having been made to Sr John Gill, Knight, George Luttrell and Thomas Windham, Esqrs. that "a certaine Bridge called new bridge, lyeinge betweene the Townes of Dunster and Porlocke is very ruynose and in greate decay by meanes of the greate inundacon of the waters this last winter to the danger and prejudice of the passengers there," the matter referred to the said Sr John Gill, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Windham, John Symes, Willm. ffraunceis, Thomas Brereton, Willm. Every, Esqrs. "to examine the state of this businisse," etc.

3. Order made upon an appeal of Stephen Luff respecting a child born at Mells. Joseph Cycell, the reputed father, to pay eight pence and the said Stephen Luff to pay four pence weekly to the overseers of the parish of Mells "from the tyme of the byrth of the said child and the same to remayne for a stocke for the said child," etc.

4. "Whereas Phillipp Sherwill was bound over to thes Sessions for putting away his Apprentice one Richard Buckham and for that he was willinge to referr himself unto any Justics of peace to stand to and abide such order as they should think fitt betweene him and his said Apprentice he was therevpon discharged. It is therefore desired by the Co<sup>rt</sup> that Sr George Speke, Knight, William Walrond and James Rosse, Esqrs. or any twoe of them wilbe pleased to call the said Phillipp Sherwill and his said Apprentice and his friends before them and to examine



the differance betweene them and to settle a course betweene them if they can or otherwise to certifie the Co<sup>r</sup>t att the next Sessions what they have done herein and if they see cause to binde the said Phillipp Sherwill againe to the next Sessions."

5. Information against Mary Chakeway and Guy White for defaming Mrs. Salkeld the wife of Henry Salkeld of Milborne Port, "Clarke," referred unto Paul Godwyn, D.D.

6. "Vppon motion made to the Court on the behalfe of John Clowter to be licenced for an Alehouse keeper for that it doth not appeare that he hath been lawfully convicted accordinge to the act of 21<sup>o</sup> James made for repressinge of Drunkenesse and inordinate haunting of Alehouses, the Court Doth therefore desire Sr John Stawell, Knight, John Symes and Thomas Brereton Esq<sup>rs</sup>. or any twoe of them to examine the same and if they finde him not soe convicted, then to licence him if they soe thinke fitt."

7. "The Righ Honoble William Earle of Pembroke Lord Leiftennant of this County of Som<sup>st</sup>t by his letter bearinge date at Whitehall the xxix<sup>th</sup> day of January last past directed unto the Deputy Leiftennants and Justics of peace within the said County of Som<sup>st</sup>t upon the death of Sir Edward Hawley late Muster master of the said Countie to make choyce of his Cosen Thomas Carne, gent., to be muster master of the said County, etc." Agreement by the Deputy Leiftennants and Justics of peace, etc., "fiftie pounds by the year shalbe allowed vnto the said Mr. Carne, etc."

8. Upon the humble petetion and Information of Henry Brayne Constable of the Hundred of Tyntenhull therein shewing diverse foule misdemeanours Done and committed by John Chaffy thelder of Stoke subter Hambdon yeoman and John Chaffye his sonne, who hath pcured himself to be sworne an Attorney in raysinge vpp of diverse suits and mainteyninge as Champetors and diverse other foule misdemeanors to the undoeing of their neighbours, etc., the examinacon of the said misdemeanors referred to Paul Godwyn, D.D., and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>.

9. Order made upon the request of Humfrye Grimsteed, John Hooper and John Talbott the now overseers of the poore of Baltesburye (Baltensborough) to take away the said base child from the said Elizabeth Steevens the mother and to place it abroad att charge of the said parish of Baltesbury and to withhold the six pence per week payable to her.

10. Peter Cobb a "maymed souldier" upon the certificate of Sr Edward Rodney, Knight, and John May, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to have five marks yearly, payable quarterly. John Horner, Jo. Harington, Ro. Hopton, Willm. Every, John ffarewell, Ja. Rosse.

11. Upon the humble petition of the pishioners of Aishweek now preferred vnto this Court, therein shewing that the said parishe is by reason of a late lamentable visitation of sicknesse in which the greatest part of the most sufficient and able persons of their said parish then Dyed leaving many poore and impotent people and fatherlesse children in so much that the said pish is not able to releive their poore and therefore haue desired this Court to yield them some releife by Charginge some other neere pishes to contribute towards the releife of the said poore people, etc. Sr John Horner, Knight, and Robte Hopton, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to examine the said grievances and to take some good order or else to certifie their opinions att the next Sessions, etc.

12. "The humble peticon of the severall tythings of Poyntington Stowell and Cheriton within the hundred of Horethorne concerninge the unequalitie of all rates towards all taxes and payments within the said hundred unreasonably imposed upon them," etc.: referred unto Sir Henry Berkeley, Knt., Paul Godwyn, D.D., and John Harbyn, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

13. "Whereas uppon the humble petition of Dionise Indowe formly preferred vnto the honoble Sr John Denham, Knight, one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Judges of this western circuit therein shewing her misery in that the inhabitants of Martock did refuse to releive her; his Lordshipp the xiiij<sup>th</sup> day of Marche, 1627, did vppon consideration of her grievances in the said petition sett forthe require the said Inhabitants of Martocke to make provision for the said petitioner, which the said Inhabitants etc., do refuse

to doe," etc., the inhabitants to perform the said order until some good cause be shown at the "assises," to the "judges of this westerne Circuite to the Contrary."

14. Order made upon the petition of John Allen of Twifton (Twerton) within this County shewing "that he being possessed of a certaine Cottage or Tenem<sup>t</sup> with a certaine grist mill thereunto belonging all the meanes the said John Allen had which was by an unexpected accident of a suddane land flood which threwe downe the said mill carried away to the utter undoeinge of the said John Allen his wife and family," that he should be paid £6 13<sup>s</sup>. 4<sup>d</sup>. by the Treasurers of the hospitals for the Eastern Division of this County towards his loss and for his better relief, etc.

15. The petition of John ffackrell concerning "diverse misdemeanors and vexatious suits brought against the said ffackrell (being a very poore and impotent person) by one Thomas Symes and Alexander Whellegg of Northpetherton an Attorney being instigated therevnto by one Daniell Diggeson to the utter undoeinge of the said John ffackrell his wife and children," etc., referred to George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esqrs.

16. "Upon the petition of Clement Doddrell a maymed souldier shewing that he beinge impressed a souldier sixteene yeares agoe and there served his late Ma<sup>tie</sup> for the space of fower yeares dureing which tyme he received hurt in his body to his perpetuall impoverishinge, since which tyme he hath lived by his owne industry and labour; And now by reason of his age and hurt he is unable to releiue himselfe as formerly he hath done." Order made that xx<sup>s</sup>. should be paid him by the "Treasurers of the maymed souldiers of this county. Ro. Hopton, Pa. Godwyn, Ja. Rosse, John Harington, John Harbyn, Robertt C[uffe]."

17. Order that upon the petition of Richard Skeate of Shepton Mallett a poore maymed souldier shewing diverse hurts and maymes in his Mat<sup>s</sup> late service in Ireland, in a foote Company under the Comaund of the Lord Valencia: that forty shillings be paid him by the Treasurer of the maymed Souldiers of this

Countie, and then no more untill hee shall bringe a certificate vnder the hand and seale of the Muster master of this Kingdome of England.

18. Order made that John Hodges, gent., should pay his proportion of the rate of the parish of Odcombe with the rest of the parishioners and that, if they, the parishioners of Odcombe, did not make a proper rate then they were to pay the whole rates themselves.

19. The humble petition of the inhabitants of the hundred of Milverton showing that their hundred "beinge a very poore hundred haue longe tyme binn and as yet are over burnded and charged by diverse rates and other impositions layd vppon them towards his Mats. service as by the seuerall orders in the quarter Sessions made, etc., not beinge of that ability to satisfie the sayd rates, doth earnestly desire this Court for some redresse therein," etc. Referred to Sr John Stawell, Knight, Edward Popham, Willm. Francis, Thomas Wyndham, Willm. Waldron, Robte. Cuffe, and Willm. Every, Esqrs., etc., "to take such course therein whereby the said inhabitants of Milſton may be dealtw<sup>th</sup>all accordinge to justic and equity."

20. Order made upon the petition of the inhabitants of Rewe and Chickwell in the parish of Hemington and Wellowe preferred at the Wells Sessions last past "concerninge a certaine way through the grounds and along the howse of one Mr Champnies of Orchardley which is of late debarred by the sayd Mr Champnies" that if Sr John Horner, Knt., and Robte. Hopton, Esqr., to whom the matter had been referred "do not make some speedy end therein that then either sayd greeved shalbe at liberty either to bringe their actions at the Comon lawe for the same or else to preferr indictments at next Sessions concerninge the same to trie their Right. And in the meane tyme this Court doth desire that the sayd Mr Champnies will allowe the passage through the sayd ground and by his howse as formerly yt hath binn without prejudice to his Right."

21. Order made confirming an order made by William Capell, Esqr., the xv<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1628, that Agnes Purnell should remain at Wells.

22. Order made upon "the petition of some of the inhabitants of the parish of Weston in Zoyland shewing that there is a very greate parsonage worth p. Annũ six or eight hundred pounds and hath of errable meadowe and pasture neere an hundred acres, and when any rates for the Kings Mats. service or any other service of twoe pence the acre then the said parsonage payeth but after the rate of eighteene acres." Referred vnto Sr ffrancis Rogers, Knight, George Poulett, and Robte. Cuffe, Esqrs., etc.

23. "The humble peticoñ of John Puxton thelder of Halton (Holton) within the County of Soñstt., etc., concerninge diverse misdeamors and outrages donn by one Robte. Pyttman of Halton aforesaid butcher about the Cutting downe of hedges, gates, and barrs of the said Puxton and other outrages to him done, etc., referred vnto Robte. Hopton, Esqr., to examine the same and to bind the said Pitman to his good behaving and to appeare att the next geñall Quarter Sessions, etc., if the said Mr. Hopton shall think fitt."

24. "This Court hath this present Sessions ben informed that diverse persons havinge meanes within the pishe of Aller are very unequally rated towards the Composition of his Mats. household, and that some of the said parish havinge good meanes ar vnderrated towards the said provision." The matter referred "vnto Paul Godwyn, D.D., and James Rosse, Esqrs., to examine the truth of the cause and to certifie their opinions att the next Sessions, etc."

25. "Uppon complaint made to this Court that Mr. James Northover and Mr. Hodges, late Constables of the Hundred of Soñton and Willm. Stuckey and John Richards precedent Constables of the same Hundred haue in their hands certaine somes of mony by them receiued of the Hundreders in the tyme of their office and do neglect or refuse to pay the same to the now Constables. And that the said Hundred is charged and hath payd more to the Composition for his Mats. household then it ought." Mr Docto<sup>r</sup> Godwyn or James Rosse, Esqr., to call the said pties before them or such others whome the same differences may concerne and see the said late Constables to

make perfect their accompts and pay such monyes as are remayninge in their hands to the nowe Constables and to examine the said over charge to the said composition and to certifie the truth of the cause att the next Sessions and to bind such thither as either the said justics shall thinke fitt where such further order shalbe had as is requisite.

26. Order made by the Court upon the certificate of Paul Godwyn, D.D., and James Rosse, Esqr., for the rating "certaine grounds," viz., Socke, Draycott, and Hescombe within the hundred of Tyntenhull which had not been previously rated.

27 "Whereas some difference hath formerly ben betweene Richard Broune, gent., keeper of his Mats. gaole att Ivelchester and John ffurnice, Master or governour of the house of Correction there concerninge the government of the said house whoe should have it, for the appeasing of which this Court doth order that the said Richard Browne shalbe from henceforth master or governor of the said house of Correction and shall haue or receive such paye or some of mony yearely as hath formerly ben payd vnto the master or governour of the said house and in such manner and forme as vsually it hath ben payd And that the said John ffurnice shalbe from henceforth (vntill some other order be had as aforesaid Deputy governour of the said house vnder the said Richard Browne. And that the said Richard Browne shall pay vnto the said ffurnice for his said service thirteene pounds six shillings and eight pence yearely to be payd vnto him by fower payments quarterly, and the said ffurnice is to take the benefitt of the worke of such people as shalbe committed from tyme to tyme into the said house as other houses haue and doe take dureing the tyme he shalbe Deputy there. And this is by the consent of both parties and for the better secureinge the keepinge of the Common gaole; the said gaole and house of Correccion beinge both in one house beinge viewed by some Justics of the peace and by them conceived now to be very dangerous to the sheriffe and keeper of the said gaole."

Ro. Hopton, Pa. Godwyn, Ja. Rosse, John Harington,  
John Harbin, Robert Cuffe, Willm. Everye.

28. Order made by the Court for the reparation of the house of Correction of Ivelchester upon the information of Richard Browne, keeper of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> gaol there "that certaine roomes within the said gaole att every high or greate water are drowned insomuch that the poore prisoners imprisoned in those Roomes are like many tymes to be in Daunger, that there are certaine pales within the said prison standinge in the vtter Court of the said prison and doe little or noe service there which if they were remoued would plancke the flowers of those roomes which would be very commodious for the said poore prisoners." "George Smyth and Willm Beaton of Ivelchester aforesaid to be overseers of the said worke."

29. Order by the Court for £10 to be employed towards the reparation of the house of Correction in Ivelchester upon the information of the said Richard Browne "that the said gaole is in many places defective and in greate decaye," etc.

30. Order made upon the petition of "Edward Harcombe a poore maymed souldier" etc., "shewing diverse hurts and maymes which he hath receiued in his body in the late Queene Elizabeth her service, and also in the late king's service in Ireland, and is now by reason thereof unable to relieve himself," etc., for the payment to him of twenty shillings a year "towards his better maintenance," etc.

31. Order by the Justices confirming a previous order of the court in respect of a "base male child born in the parish of Ileabbotts" whose mother had run away.

32. Order made the 18th day of April, 1628, for the putting in trust by the reputed father of a "base woman child called Mary," born in the parish of Aishill of money and goods to the value of £10, for the relief and maintenance of the child, etc.

33. Order made 19th day of April, 1628, touching a base child born in the parish of "Midsomer Norton," the mother to be "twoe severall tymes whipped," etc. Fra: Baber Ant. Stocker.

34. Order made by George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. in respect of Susann the bastard woman child, "born in the parish of Paulett"—26th March, 1628.

35. Order made by Sir Edward Rodney, Knight, and Ralphe Barlowe, Deane of Wells, for the keeping and bringing up of a child born at Meare.—Dated 10th January, 1627.

36. Order made by "John Harbyn and Ja. Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., beinge the next Justice of the peace to the pish of Thorne Coffyn" for the relief and maintenance, etc., of a child born in that parish. Dated vnder our hands and seales the xvijth daye of January Anno Dni 1627.

37. Order made at Watchett the xxjth day of Aprill Anno Dni, 1628, by "Ja. Windham and Tho. Windham," Esq<sup>rs</sup>., for the relief, etc., of a child born in the parish of Oldcleiue whose mother was dead. The reputed father being under 21 years of age to pay six-pence weekly towards its maintenance "out of his wages from his master Richard Sweetinge of Stogumber with whome the said Wilton Lange is to serve by o<sup>r</sup> appointment," and to give security at 21 years of age to the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Old Cleiue.

38. Order taken and set down by "S<sup>r</sup> Henry Berkeley, Knight, and Mathew Ewens, Esq<sup>r</sup>., 7th February, 1627, for" the keepinge and bringing vpp of Thomas ffryday *als.* Vyne of Bruham. The reputed father to "pay weekly eu<sup>y</sup> sabbboth day imediatlye after eveninge prayer in the Church porch of the pish church of Bruham aforesaid vnto the overseers of the poore" 9<sup>d</sup>. pence weekly, etc. The mother "when she shalbe found stronge and able of bodye againe" "to be wipped about the open Markett place in Bruton vppon a Markett daie, about two of the Clocke in the afternoone," etc.

39. Order made at Bridgwater the 28th day of April, 1628, for the relief and maintenance of a child called Richard born in the parish of Chedzoy by his reputed father John Pagoosse and the mother to be "conveyed vnto his Ma<sup>ty</sup> howse of Correccon at Taunton," G. Pawlett, Robert Cuffe.



40. Information by William Cannock against Willm Barnard of yevell, husbandman for vsinge the trade of a Chaundler not beinge an App'ntice Contrary the forme of the Statute made Anno quinto Elizabethe, etc. Jo. ffarewell.

41. Informations made by William Hackett against John ffrancklyn of Merston Biggott, husbandman, Archibald Clement the younger of Mells, husbandman, for using the trade of a joyner not being App'ntices, etc., Robte Carpenter the younger of Rodden, husbandmen, Christofer Meatyeard of ffroome, husbandman, contrary to the forme of the Statute, etc., [5th Edward VI.]. John Perry of Phillipps Norton mercer and Laurence Cokey of the pish of Phillippes Norton aforesaid. Inholder Against Ambrose ffrye of Beckington Carrier and Andrew Hodges of the same place, baker. Willm Reade of Laverton, yeoman, and Edward Batchelor of the same place, yeoman, for not repayinge and settinge upp of Butts within their severall parishes, but have neglected the same by the space of Eleaven moneths contrary to the Statute de Anno 33<sup>o</sup> Henrici 8<sup>i</sup>, etc., John Harington.

42. Informations by Willm Hackett under the same statute [33<sup>o</sup> Hen. VIII.] against the inhabitants of the parishes of Wanstrowe, Shepton Mallett, Kainsham, for not repairing and setting up of "butts" etc. for the space of "Eleaven moneths past." Against Richard Style the younger of ffroome Sellwood yeoman for shootinge in a hand gun contrary to the forme of the said Statute, etc. John Harington.

43. Informations of William Spurlock sworn before "Jo: ffarewell" at the Ivelchester Sessions "exhibited into this Court" etc. "uppon severall branches of the statut against," etc. Thomas Durston *vs.* Durston of Wells husbandman John Tutten of Meare husbandman David Wilcoxe of the same place husbandman [ ] Grinnster of Balsborowe [Baltonsborough] husband now Walter Riche of the same place husbandman [ ] Pourche of the same place husbandman Clement Goudge of Glaston husbandman Samuel Goudges of the same place husbandman [ ] Jeanes of Burcott husbandman Walter

Casell of Wookey husbandman Bartholomew Casell of the same place husbandman John Whellicke *als.* Hillicke of Durston husbandman Thomas Bennett of Gregorystoke husbandman Walter Woodrowe *als.* Woodrove of Venice (?) sutton husbandman, Leonard Symons of Woollavington husband, Richard Wake of Cussington husband, Nicholas Hobbs of marke husbandman, Withm Varnam *als.* Varman of Huntspill husbandman, Withm ffrye of Peddle in the pishe Aishcott yeoman, Thomas Durstan of Murlinche husbandman, Thomas Miller *als.* Millard of Weston in Zoyland husbandman for shootinge in hand guns contrary to the forme of the Statute made in Anno 33<sup>o</sup> Henrici octavi. Against Withm Bendrye of Cannington husbandman for ingrossinge of corne contrary to the form of the Statute made Anno 5 and 6 Edri sexti. And against Withm Horsey of Somtton Tipler for keepinge unlawful games in house contrary to the forme of the said Statute made Anno 33<sup>o</sup> Hen: 8, etc.

44. Informations of Withm Spurlocke sworn before John Harington etc. 5 et 6 Edri sexti "against John Bond of Chardstoke in the Countye of Dorset husbandman Andrewe Creedye of Merston in the County of Somst aforesaid husbandman John Tooke *als.* Toope of the same place husbandman for buyinge and sellinge of live cattle contrary to the forme of the said Statute etc."

45. Informations of William Spurlocke against Stephen Edwards of Woollavington husbandman for buying and sellinge of Tanned leather contrary to the forme of the Statute made Anno primo Ja: Regis; Against John Tucker *als.* Trapnell of North Curry husbandman and Richard Brockman of Axbrige Cutler for vsinge severall trades contrary to the forme of the Statute made Anno 5<sup>o</sup> Eliz. and against Thomas Tucker of Hurcott in the parish of Somerton husbandman for ingrossinge of corne contrary etc. Anno 5<sup>o</sup> and 6<sup>o</sup> Edri 6<sup>i</sup> etc.

46. William Knowman maketh oath: Henry Steevens thelder of North Curry, husbandman, Robte Deane of Weare, husbandman, Thomas Kinge of Wedmore, husbandman, William Lovelesse of the same place husbandman, John Gibbes of the same place husbandman, Withm Luckings of the same place

husbandman, for shootinge in hand guns etc. And against David Rustle of Wedmore, husbandman, Henry Iles of Allerton, husbandman, Nicholas Eager of Eastbrent, husbandman, for ingrossinge of corne etc. And against the inhabitants of Clausworth for sufferinge their butts to be in decay for the space of Elaven moneth last past contrary to etc. 33<sup>o</sup> Hen. 8<sup>i</sup>.

47. That he William Knowman had served with Subp<sup>as</sup> issuing at the late General Sessions Gabriel Gray, John Wynn, Francis Lane, Robte Hill, Walter Baker, John Mourton, Humfrye Blackaller, accordinge to the effect and purport of the said Writts etc.

48. "Order by this Court that it shalbe lawfull to and for" James Hooper of the parish of Pitney "to erect and build him an house for habitation uppon some part of the waste ground of the said parish," etc. without laying therevnto fower acres of ground, so as he hath thereunto the lycence of the Lord or Lady of the Manor aforesaid, and the consent of the parishioners. -

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON  
the 8th, 9th and 10th days of July, 4 Charles (1628), before  
John Symes, William Franceis, John Harrington, Thomas  
Windham, Thomas Brereton, Robert Cuffe, George Poulett,  
and William Every, Esquires.

1. On the petition of Richard Parsons and John Gibbons "shewing that one Henry Collard *als*. Shalder of Hilfarence of late become Lunaticke and distracted in so much that he is bothe unruly and dangerous and for the prevention of further mischief the Inhabitants of the said parish haue placed the said Collard with one John Appledore the said Collard having sufficient meanes to mainteyne him selfe and therevpon the said Parsons and Gibbons on the behalfe of the Inhabitants of the said parishe have petitioned this Court to order that the said Collard may be mainteyned by his owne meanes," etc. Order made by the court for the said Collard to "remayne with the said Appledore where now he is and that he shalbe mainteyned and

relieved out of his owne meanes," etc. " And this Court doth further order that the said Appledore or any other person who shall have the tuition or government of the said Collard by the dirrecon of the said Churchwardens and overseers of the poore shall take a speciall care for the well governinge and keepinge of the said Collard."

2. Order made for the payment of £10 to Richard Pearce of Combe St. Nicholas a maimed soldier then "dwellinge farr off" in full satisfaction of arrearages and in discharge of his "Pattent for further payment of the said pension," etc.

3. The petition of Thomas Greenslade of Wellington, Clothier, to yield him relief shewing divers "foule misdemeanors offered unto him by Hugh Gill and John Wrentmore concerninge the deteyninge of a Colt of his the said Greenslades and unjustly takinge of xviiijs. of him," referred unto John Symes, Withm ffraunceis and Willm Every, Esq<sup>rs</sup>.

4. The petition of "one Walter Davis that he being presented in the ecclesiasticall Court of the peculiar Jurisdiccon of Ilmister (where the viccar of the said place is Judge) is excommunicated by the said Court and is threatned by the now viccar that he will prosecute the lawe against any person that shall harbor the said Davis he being now in service and havinge a poore wife and Children which wilbe utterly undone and perish if the said Davis may not be enterteyned in worke" referred to Sir George Speke, knight, and James Rosse, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

5. Order made that the parishioners of Upton should contribute a third towards the separations of Heale bridge in the difference depending between them and one Gregory Gardner which had been referred unto Sir John Windham, knt., George Luttrell, William ffraunceis, and Thomas Windham, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, at the Taunton General Quarter Sessions, 2nd Charles.

6. The question of the inequality of the rating of the parish of Aller again referred unto Paul Godwyn, D.D., and James Rosse, Esq<sup>r</sup>, the Court having been informed "that the said gentlemen haue as yett done nothinge in or about the said businesse."

7. Upon the petition of "Willm Greenwood and Willm Rosewell late Constables of the Hundred of North Curry therein shewing that whereas a yeare since the said Hundred was charged with the carriage of all the Coale for the boylinge of Saltpeter from Hammills to St. James nere Taunton which said carriage was by the consent of diuse of the cheifest of the Inhabitants of the said Hundred (the wayes att that tyme being not passable for ploughes) agreed for by us which amounteth to sixteene pounds or thereabouts," etc. Order that "an indifferent and pportionable rate be speedily made for the levying of the monies behind," etc., the greater part of the inhabitants having refused to pay their apportionable rates as they were rated.

8. The petition of William Edbrooke on the behalf of "most of the parishioners of Winsford" showing that "a certaine bridge called the viccaridge Bridge lyeing within the said parish being overthroned by the violence of waters being reedified by the said parish and about the repaying of the same five pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence were expended, and have tyme out of minden ben defrayed by the Inhabitants of the northside of the said parishe, And that now the said Inhabitants doe refuse to pay this mony now disbursed," etc., referred unto Sir John Windham, Knight, George Luttrell and Thomas Windham, Esqrs, etc.

9. Petition for relief of "Margaret White, etc., shewing that it pleased the Rt. honoble John Lord Poulett that she, the said Margaret, should haue her house rent paid and yearly releife beside the weekly pay out of the stocke and of late the overseers of the poore of the parishe aforesaid doe not only denye her house rent and her weekly pay, but also doth suffer her to rent an habitation att her owne charge and is Dayly like to lye without Dore," etc. Referred unto Sr. George Speke, Knt., Willm. Walrond and James Rosse, Esqrs.

10. Further reference of the cause in order that the Court "take such further course therein as the equity of the cause shall require of the petition which had been referred to them at the Ivelchester Sessions (22nd April last past)," unto George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esq., but who had done "nothinge therein" of John ffackrell "of diverse misdemeanors and vexatious suits

brought against the said ffackrell (being a very poore and impotent person) by one Thomas Symes and Alexander Whellegg of Northpetherton an Attorney being instigated therevnto by one Daniell Diggenson to the utter undoeing of the said John ffackrell, his wife and children. And that the said Digenson doth threaten to prosecute suits against such witnesses as can testifie on the behalfe of the said ffackrell vnles he can procure some speciall warrant from some Justice of peace," etc.

11. Petition for relief of Richard Tucker of Meriott, laborer, shewinge that he beinge a poore labouringe man having charge of wife and children, one whereof being an impotent cripple towards the releife of him the said cripple the Justics of the peace of the westernne part of the Easterne Division of this County haue formerly allowed the said Tucker towards the maintenance of the said cripple, six pence weekly to be paid by churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Meriott aforesaid, which said weekly payment was for sometye paid, but it is now deteyned from the said Tucker, etc. Referred to S<sup>r</sup> George Speke, Knt., William Walrond and James Rosse, Esqrs.

12. "Uppon the petition of Tristram Morse, governor of the house of Correction of Taunton, therein shewinge the said house is in greate decaye as well in leaddinge as in tylinge. And if speedy course be not taken that the charge thereof wilbe greater then, now it is this Court doth herevppon order that the Treasurer of the Hospitalls of the westernne division of this County doe forthwith pay vnto Mr. William Powell, one of the Constables of the Burrowe of Taunton the sume of three pounds six shillings and eight pence to be by him employed towards the speedy repaire of the said house. The said Constable to give an account in writing of the particular disbursements of the said money at the next General Quarter Sessions."

13. "Whereas the Inhabitants of Weston in Zoyland, within this County haue informed this Court by way of petition that one John Pope of the said parish about three weekes last past haue taken into his house one Andrewe Hobbe, a stranger, and a younge weoman greate with child contrary to the good will of

the said parish who stand in greate doubt that they will bringe a charge unto the pish hereafter. And therefore haue desired this Court to yeild them some releife," etc. Referred unto George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esqrs.

14. Petition of the Inhabitants of the pish of Catcott "shewing that the said pish is like to be charged in the releiving of one Mary Edington, widowe, and of certaine abuses offered unto the said Mary and the said parishe by one William Champion, an Attorney, and James Tuxwell. And therefore haue desired this Co<sup>t</sup> to yeild them some releife ffor redresse of the said abuses and releife of the said pish," etc. Referred to George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esqrs.

15. Whereas the parishioners of St. James, Taunton, within this County having informed this Court by way of petition that whereas a certaine bridge called Tonebridge beinge in decay hath formerly ben referred unto fower of his Mats. Justices of the peace within this County (who having taken with them workemen experienced in those workes) doe judge that the charge for the repayringe thereof will amount to six score pounds and upwards and that the same hath formerly and now ought to be repayed by the Country and therefore haue againe petitioned this Court (the ruines thereof being greate) that this Court wilbe pleased to take some speedy course for the levying of monies for the repayringe whereof. It is therefore ordered that John Stawell, Knt., William ffraunceis, John Symes, Thomas Brereton, Robte Cuffe and Willm Every, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, sixe of his Mats. Justices of the peace next adioyninge unto the said bridge or any fower of them wilbe pleased to take some speedy course as well for leavyinge of mony as also for the repayringe of the said bridge.

16. Uppon the petition preferred unto the Court att the last Taunton Sessions by the Inhabitants of Creech shewing that a certaine bridge called Creechbridge leading over the mayne river on the northside of the moore called Creechmoore, is fallen into greate decaye, the tymber worke of which bridge the Inhabitants of the parishe have ever mainteyned. But the arches thereof being Stoneworke ar very chargeable is now growen very

ruinose and that it is not knownen by whome the said Stoneworke hath or ought to be repaired. And for that the said Inhabitants of Creech are chargeable with the repayinge of other bridges, therefore desired the Court to consider thereof and graunt them some order for the repayinge of the said bridge. It was then desired by the Court and so ordered that Edward Rogers, John Colles, Willm ffraunceis, Thomas windham and Thomas Brereton, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., or any three of them would be pleased to examine the pmisses who of right ought to repaire the said stoneworke and whether it were fitt to lay the burthen thereof uppon the Country and to certifie their opinions therein att the Sessions then next followinge. Since which tyme little or nothinge hath ben therein done and that the said Mr. Rogers and Mr. Colles ar now dead. It is therefore at this present Sessions desired and so ordered that John Symes, Thomas Brereton, Willm ffraunceis and George Poulett, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., or any three of them wilbe pleased to examine the same accordinge to the first order and to certifie their opinions therein att the next Sessions att Bridgwater.

17. Uppon the peticon of the overseers of the poore of the parish of St. James, Taunton, therein shewing that one Marmaduke Curme is brought in by the Towne of Taunton to keepe a workehouse for poore children within their parish and hath brought with him a wife and fower small Children, and hath also enterteyned within the said house twenty other poore children of the parish of St. Mary Magdalens, Taunton, which in tyme may tend to the damage and greate hurt of the said parishe of St. James aforesaid ; And therefore have desired this Court to yield them some reliefe herein. This Court doth hereupon order that the parish of St. James in Taunton aforesaid shalbe for ever from henceforth discharged of and from all charges which may happen unto them by reason of the said Marmaduke Curme or his charge or any other that shalbe hereafter approved to be keeper of the said workehouse or by the enterteyning of the poore people of the said workehouse.

18. Whereas Ursula Milkins of Martocke widdowe haue informed this Court by way of petition of diverse misdemeanors and outrages done against her by Thomas Trent, Thomas Graye, John Sharpman and Mathew Trott for which they now



stand Indicted, etc.: desired by this Court that William Walrond, Esqr. wilbe pleased to call all the parties before him and to certifie the same and his opinion therein att the next Sessions.

19. An order made by Paul Godwyn, D.D., and James Rosse, Esqr, for the keeping of a woman child born at Evilton or Yvelton, May 16, 1628.

20. An order made the 17th day of March, 1627, by Sr John Stawell, Knt. and James Rosse, Esqr, towards the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Aller.

21. Informations exhibited by Thomas Warrie against Thomas Partridge of Northpetherton, husbandman, Willm. Orosley of hill in the pishe of Crewkerne, yeoman, John Hamlyn of East Chinocke, husbandman, Thomas Jeanes of Hardington, husbandman, Thomas Chicke of Crewkerne, husbandman, John Burridge of Haychurch in the County of Dorst., yeoman, Dyer Cimcocks of Butler, gent., John Marshe of West Chinnocke in the County of Somst aforesaid yeom., Willm. Bartlett of Pendomer, etc., yeoman, Edward Randall of Hardington, etc., husbandman, William Mayce of Chafcombe, etc., butcher, Edward Urven of East Coker, etc., husbandman, William Spurlocke of Somton, etc., butcher, Jeffery Miller of Clifden in the County of Dorst, yeoman, John Pynny of Winsham, etc., yeoman, Laurence Nelrellyn of yevell, etc., husbandman, ffrancis Waters of Evershutt in the County of Dorset aforesaid, yeoman, John Mathew of Netherbury, Thomas Lovelesse of Sidlyn in the County of Dorst aforesaid, yeoman, John Russell of Nethebury in the said County of Dorst, butcher, Henry Drye of the same place, yeoman, Roman Spracklyn of Searne abbas in the said County of Dorst, husbandman, John Bond of Chardstocke in the said County of Dorst, husbandman, and against Hugh Broome of Ilford in the said County of Somset, husbandman, for buying and selling of live cattle contrary to the forme of the Statute de Anno quinto et sexto Edri sexti John Bullocke of Preston plucknett in the said County of Somst, yeoman, for using the trade of a butcher contrary to the forme of the

Statute made Anno quinto Eliz. Against William Sawman of East Coker, miller, and Peter Paul of Haselbere, etc., husbandman, for regratinge of Corne contrary to the forme of the said Statute de Anno quinto et sexto Edri sexti.

22. Thomas Warrie maketh oath, etc., that he had served with subps Thomas Partridge, Wilm. Owsley and William Spurlocke according to the effect and purport of the said writts. xj die July, 1628 : John Harington.

23. William Geare that he had served with subps John Burrage, Thomas Lovelesse, Henry Drye and John Bond, etc. (John Harington.)

24. William Spurlocke that he had served with subps John Whellicks *als.* Hillicke, Thomas Bennett, Ricus Wake, Nicholas Hobbes, Wilm. frye, Thomas Durston, Thomas Millar *als.* Millard, Wilm. Horsey, Thomas Durson *als.* Durston, John Tutten, David Wilcox, Humfry Grinster, Walter Rish, John Pourch, Clement Goudge, Samuel Goudge, Edward Jones, Walter Casell, Bartholomew Casell, Stephen Edwards, John Bond, Thomas Tucker, John Toope *als.* Tooke and Andrew Greedy.

25. William Hackett maketh oath that he had exhibited informations against the Inhabitants of the parishes of Whatley, Nunney, Buckland, and Walton, for not repayinge and setting vpp of butts in their severall pishes contrary to the forme of the Statute made Anno 33 Henrici 8i. Against John Cooke the elder of Buckland, husbandman, Thomas Gunnyngton the younger of the same place, husbandman, Thomas Haberfeilde of ffroome Selwood, husbandman, Richard Hawkens of Merston Biggott, husbandman, and Richard Napper of Nunney, husbandman, for playinge att vnlawfull games contrary to the forme of the Statute. And against Laurence Hardinge of Dunkerton, husbandman, for ingrossing of corne contrary to the forme of the Statute Anno quinto et sexto Edri sexti etc. John Harington.

26. William Hakett maketh oath that he had served with a Subp<sup>a</sup> Christofer Meatyeard, Richard Style, jun., Robte Coombes,

Willm Reed, John Perry, Edward Hill, Willm Launslowe, John Axole *als.* Axoe and Archilaus Clement. John Harington.

27. Whereas some of the Inhabitants of Weston in zoyland have petitioned this Court shewing therein that there is a greate personage worth per Ann. six or eight hundred pounds and hath therevnto of errable meadowe and pasture an hundred acres and when any rates and taxes be made for his Mat<sup>s</sup> service att a penny the acre or more or for Klizes or billitinge of Souldiers this personage payeth but after the rate of eighteene pence for eighteene acres or thereabouts And that there is also in Weston moore a new watercourse made by the order of a Sessions of Shewers, wherein it was ordered that there should be twoe stone bridges made over twoe severall places of the said watercourse thone of which bridges hath ben made and some part of the watercourse cutt upp, but because the whole worke is not effected and by reason of a ground shord made by Mr. Christofer Sanford into his close there whereby he hath filled his ditche, which hindereth the passage of the water whereby many of the said Inhabitants of Weston aforesaid and Dunwere have had their houses drowned this winter with the winter floods to their greate detriment and losse And that there is within the said parish of Weston one Tythinge called Andersey, which con-teyneth fower score acres or thereabouts which is within the Hundred of Aldbicke [*sic*] and Bulston and for which the Inhabitants of the said Tythinge doe suite of Court att the Leete and Lawday holden at Curryrivell for the said Hundred of Abdicke and Bulston, and there doe pay their kingsilver And yett are rated to all taxes and payments with the rest of the Inhabitants of Weston aforesaid whereby they find themselves very much over burthened haue in their said petition desired this Court to refer the examination of the said grievances unto some Justices of peace next adioyninge unto their said parishe which this Court doth order accordingly and therefore doth desire that Sr ffrancis Rogers, knt., George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., Justics of peace within this County or any twoe of them wilbe pleased hereuppon to call all parties before them whome the premisses doe concerne and to settle an end betwixt them if they cann, if not to certifie the Court att the next Sessions

att Bridgwater of the true state of the premisses, that the Court may then take such further order as shalbe then thought fitt.

28. Whereas John Dampier of Kingsdon and Alice his wife haue by way of petition informed this Court that the said Dampier hauinge ben dwellinge within the said pish of Kingsdon nere fower yeares and his said wife borne there and lived all her lityme in the said pishe and now liveth by their labour without any charge or trouble to any the pishioners of the said pishe no way misbeheavinge themselves but livinge orderly and mainteyninge themselves and their family by their carefull industry and labour notwithstandinge the said parishioners of Kingsdon combyninge themselves together doe deny them any place of abode within their said parish for their money threateninge to expulse and drive them out of their said pish and to shifte for a dwellinge in other places they desiringe nothinge of them but for their ready money and therefore haue humbly besought this Co<sup>r</sup>t for some releife herein. Paul Godwyn, D.D., and Thomas Light, Esq<sup>r</sup>., to call the overseers and such others of the parish as they should think fit and the said Dampier before them, and if necessary to bind the said overseers and such others as they should find so to combine together to the next Sessions of the peace, etc., there to answer their contempt therein.

29. Att this Sessions George Poulett, Esq<sup>r</sup>, is chosen Treasurer for the Hospitalls of the westerne Diuision and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>r</sup>, is chosen Treasurer of the Easterne Division, And Thomas Windham and William Every ar to take the Accompts of the old Treasurers.

The yearely proportion of every Hundred throughout the Easterne Division of this County for the hospitalls according to the olde rate and the newe. [In detail.]

The Accompt of William Combe, Gen<sup>l</sup> Treasurer of the Hospitalls of the Easterne Division of the same Countie for one whole yeare ended at Ivelchester Sessions last past made and given vpp att this gen<sup>l</sup>l quarter Sessions of the peace holden att Taunton in the yeare Rs. Caroli Anglie, etc., tercio, 1627 [Receipts and Disbursements], etc.

30. An order made the 30th day of June, 1628, by John Harbin and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, touching the relief of a child born in the parish of Northperrott.

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER, the 16th, 17th, and 18th days of September, 4 Charles (1628), before Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wells, John Symes, Thomas Windham, William Francis, John Harrington, William Walrond, Robert Cuffe, George Poulett, James Rosse, and William Every, Esquires.

1. Att this present Sessions William ffraunceis, Esq<sup>r</sup>, is chosen Treasurer of the maymed Souldiers for this yeare next ensuing. And George Poulett and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, are appointed to take the Accompte of the last Treasurer.

2. It is ordered that the Treasurers of the hospitalls shall forthwith pay the some of tenn pounds accordinge to a former order of the first monyes they shall receaue out of the County towards the repayration of the gaole.

Jo. Symes, John Harington, Wiltm. ffraunceis, Tho. Windham.

3. Whereas it is alleaged that there ar many sufficient men that holdeth much Land within the parish of Poulett, And that the Inhabitants there are fewe and the high wayes within the said pishe which ar now very much decayed and much Issues lost by the said Inhabitants for not repayinge the same. And whereas there hath ben severall presentments against the out dwellers for not cominge with their ploughes and carryages to the said highway; It is att this Sessions ordered that from henceforth the said out dwellers shall for eury fowerscore pounds a yeare within the said parishe finde one draught or plough accordinge to the lawe. And that they shall haue ouer and aboue the said fowerscore pounds a yeare to pay or find workemen towards there repaying of the said high wayes rateably with the pishioners there which if they shall

refuse to doe and pforme, then such as shall refuse to be bound to the next Sessions followinge their refusall there to answere their contempts. And in the meane tyme all process or estreats to be stayed uppon the presentments against the out dwellers.

Jo. Symes, John Harington, Withm. ffraunceis, Tho. Windham.

4. Ordered "that Thomas Hawkins of whose service in marshall discipline both in his and other Countreyes we haue been sufficiently enformed" should be paid £6 13s. 4d. "uppon payment whereof the said Thomas Hawkins is forth with to depart out of this County and be no more chargeable to us."

5. Luke Thretcher a maymed souldier to be paid "fforty shillings yearly for his life."

6. Order made for the repayment of £10 borrowed by the Treasurer of the hospitals of the Eastern Division to the Treasurer of the Hospitals of the Western Division towards the maintenance of the "house of Correction of Shepton Mallett."

7. Ordered that George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., should inquire into the matter of the petition of Walter Tayler of Thurloxtton "shewinge diverse foule abuses offered and done unto him by one George Haberfeild of the same parishe. Deteyninge of certaine monies Due unto him from the said Haberfeild for a small Tenement sold by him vnto the said Haberfeild and also for whippinge him in most vild manner pretendinge that the said Tayler was Lunaticke," etc.

8. Ordered that James Hooper of the parish of Pitney should "continue" the cottage which "he hath already built without fower acres of land, licence from Mrs. Hanham, Lady of the parcel of land, and consent of the parishioners of Pitney to be obtained."

9. Order made that the matter of the difference between the inhabitants of Dunster and Carhampton respecting the settling and providing for one Barbara Thomas the wife of Rice Thomas should be again referred unto St. John Windham, Knt., George Luttrell and Thomas Windham, Esq<sup>rs</sup>.

10. The matter of the difference between the Inhabitants of the Hundred of North Curry "concerninge a tythinge rate by them made for the leavyinge of seaventeene pounds within their said Hundred for carryage of Coales from Ham mills vnto Taunton for saltpeeter works" referred unto John Symes, Robte Cuffe and Thomas Brereton, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., "the inhabitants of the tythinge of Westhatch and Thurlebere within the said Hundred have certified this Court that they never did consent or knowe of the layinge out of any some towards the carryage of any coales or saltpeeter as is pretended. But that they the Inhabitants of the said Tythinge of Westhatch and Thurlebere did at their owne proper costs carry as many of the said coales or saltpeeter as to their part did belonge, and were ready to have carried more if any notice had been given them."

11. The matter of the information by "the minister and pishioners of the parish of Croscombe of diverse foule misdemeanors and abuses done by Philip Carter of the same parish, and especially on the Lord's day being the xiiij<sup>th</sup> of September last past," referred vnto Ralphe Barlowe, Deane of Wells, and Robte Hopton, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

12. The petition of Margery Light, the wife of Willm. Lyght of Glaston, etc., shewing diverse abuses and misdemeanors dayly offered vnto her by Symon vinicombe of Glaston, and Agnes vinicombe his wife, endeuoringe by all meanes to worke her ruine she beinge a very poore weoman, etc. Referred vnto Ralph Barlow, Deane of Wells, and Paul Godwyn, D.D.

13. Order made for the binding over with good sureties such persons as should refuse to pay their tax towards the repairing of Tone bridge which at the last Taunton Sessions was ordered to be levied throughout the whole county, such persons to appear at "the next genall quarter Sessions to answere their contempts therein," etc. "The like order for Lambridge nere Bath. The like order for newbridge in Luccombe."

John Harington, G. Poulett, Tho. Windham, Robert Cuffe,  
Willia Everye, Ja. Rosse.

14. Order made by George Poulett and Robert Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1628, for the keeping of a child born in the parish of Huntspill.

15. Informations exhibited by Thomas Warrie against John Haberfeild of Haselbere, clerk, for Deblinge in temporall livings contrary to the forme of the Statute. Against John Bishopp of Knoll, husbandman, Gyles ffrye of Ashington, husbandman, for buying and sellinge of live cattle contrary to the forme of the Statute (5<sup>o</sup> and 6<sup>o</sup> Edri). Against John Eades of Crewkerne, husbandman, for forestallinge of wood contrary to the forme of the Statute, etc. And against Clement Casewell of Crewkerne aforesaid, Inholder, for keepinge vnlawfull games in his house contrary to the Statute of 33<sup>o</sup> Henrici 8<sup>i</sup>.

16. Thomas Warrie maketh oath that he had served with subpcenas Thomas Jeanes, Thomas Chicke, John Marshe, John Mathew, Peter Paul, Roger Caddy and Wilm. Camm.

17. William Knowman maketh oath that he had exhibited informations against William Winslade of Northpetherton, husbandman, Edward Bicknell of Gregorystoke, husbandman, John Venicott of Northpetherton, husbandman, William Venicott of the same place, husbandman, Robte Bennett of Ivelchester, husbandman, Andrew Putham of Cutcombe, husbandman, William Pollard of Marke, husbandman, for usinge severall trades contrary to the forme of the Statute, etc. (Anno quinto Eliz.); against Richard Nashion of Northpetherton aforesaid, husbandman, for buying and selling of live cattle contrary to the Statute Anno 5<sup>o</sup> et 6 Ed. 6, Roger Porter of the same place, husbandman, Christofer Hayes of the same place, husbandman, Robte Stuckey of Barrington, etc., husbandman, for ingrossing of Corne contrary to the Statute, etc. Against Nicholas Harris of Breane, etc., husbandman, for shooting att pigeons contrary to, etc., Anno 33 Hen. 8<sup>i</sup>; And against Gyles Gaylard of Nevell, etc., Bartholomew Pride of the same place, husbandman, Allexander ffaustone of the same place, husbandman, and Gyles Bonfister of the same place, husbandman, for ingrossinge of Corne contrary to, etc., Anno quinto et sexto Edri sexti, etc.



18. William Knowman maketh oath that he had exhibited an Informacon against Robte Hill of Taunton, beare brewer, for selling diverse hogshheads and barrells of beare to diverse p̄sons unlicensed to tipple contrary to 4 Jacobi Rs.

19. William Spurlocke maketh oath that he now exhibited Informations against John Wythey of Glaston, etc., flockdriver, for takinge above the rate of eight pounds for the use of one hundred pounds for one whole yeare contrary, etc., Anno xx<sup>o</sup> Jacobi Rs., Against Lewse Lyninge of Marke, Inholder, for keeping unlawful games in his house, Against Robte Arnoll of Wells, husband, for shootinge in a handgunn. [33 Hen. 8<sup>i</sup>.]

20. William Hackett maketh oath, etc., that he now exhibited Informations, etc., against John Moore of Buckland, husbandman, for buyinge and sellinge of live cattle within five weeks, contrary to, etc., Anno 5<sup>o</sup> et 6<sup>o</sup> Edw. sext And against Wiflm Stone of Nunney, husbandman, for playeing att unlawfull games, etc.

21. William Hackett maketh oath, etc., that he had served with subpoenas Laurence Hardinge, Thomas Haberfeild, Richard Napper, John Hiscocks and James Hurd.

SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th days of January 4 Charles (1628-9), before Sir John Horner, Sir Edward Rodney, Gerard Wood, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., Robert Hopton, Francis Baber, John Harrington, John Farewell, Edward Tynte, William Capell, Anthony Stocker, James Farewell, Richard Davyes, Thomas Lyte, and John Harbyn, Esquires.

1. The petition of Richard Pearce of ffroome Sellwood, shewing that he beinge a very poore man and havinge lived within the said parishe not above one yeare and halfe being a stranger there and noe meanes of his owne, att the Leete Court holden att Michaelmas last for ffroome Sellwood aforesaid and not presented by the homage there was inforced uppon spleene to serve in the office of Constable beinge as he hath informed very unfitt and insufficient for that service; Referred unto S<sup>r</sup>

John Horner, Knight, and Robte Hopton, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to release the said Richard Pearce from his said office if they should find sufficient cause. [S.R., lxi, ii, 1, 2.]

2. Whereas William Martyn was continued to this Sessions for conveying away or loosinge of certaine Armour of Thomasine Bickham, widdowe, And forasmuch as the said Martyn alleaged unto the Court that the Armour was delivered unto one Dollman an Inkeeper of Somerton which was there lost, by reason whereof his Mats. service hath ben in some sorte since neglected. Referred unto Paul Godwyn, D.D., "desiringe him to finde out the truth hereof, and if he can to compose the buisnesse or to certifie att the next Sessions how and in what manner he findeth the same." [S.R., lxi, ii, 4.]

3. Whereas att a sessions holden att Taunton the XIX<sup>th</sup> Day of Julie in the first yeare of the raigne of the late King James over England vppon a testimoniall of George Kingsmell beinge an Irish captaine that one Edward Hobbes of North Curry Souldier in his Mats. service in Ireland was in the said service soe maymed that he was unable to releive himself and thereuppon it was then ordered by the Court that the said Edward Hobbes should then have the yearely pension of fiftie shillings and fower pence, the payment to continue untill further order should be taken therein. And whereas att this present Sessions the said Hobbes havinge petitioned this Court to have his said pension augmented, and in consideration that the said Hobbes hath att this said Sessions surrendered into the hands of the now Clarke of the peace of this County in open Court his former order or patent for his said former pension to be cancelled, this Court doth now order that the said former pension of fifty-three shillings fower pence yearely accordinge to the said order or patent shall from henceforth *surcease* or be anihilated, and that the said Hobbes shall in regard thereof have from henceforth the yearly pension or some of fower pounds per Ann. Ro. Hopton, John Horner, Ed. Rodney, Ra. Barlowe, John Harington, ffra: Baber. [S.R., lxi, ii, 5, 6, 7.]

4. Whereas it was ordered att the last generall Sessions holden att Ivelchester that one Peter Cobb of the parish of

Weeke St Laurence should have an annuall pencon of iij<sup>li</sup> vjs viij<sup>d</sup> to be paid him by the Trêrer of the maymed souldiers of this County in lewe of his hurts which he received in the late warrs under the Comaund of the King of Denmarke. And whereas this Court is informed that since the said Sessions the said Cobb hath had his former order taken from him by souldiers unknowne by reason whereof the said Cobb was like to loose his pension the Court havinge consideracon of the premisses Doth order that his former pension of three pounds six shillings and eight pence per Ann. shalbe continued, and that he shall haue a newe order for the same and that the trêrer vpon sight of this order shall pay this quarter's pay. [S.R., lxi, ii, 8, 9.]

5. The examination of abuses and greivances contained in the petition of one John Davies *als.* Thomas of the parish of St Cuthberts in Wells done to him in his absence in Ireland by one Judwin Chin of Walcombe within the said parish. Referred vnto Ralphe Barlowe, Deane of Wells, Gerard Wood, D.D., and Paul Godwyn, D.D. [S.R., lxi, ii, 10, 11.]

6. The parishioners of Chewton to be freed from a weekeley payment formerly granted by order of Sessions unto one Margaret Steevens beinge then sicke and impotent, but is now able to releive herself by her labour if shee listed upon cause shewn before Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>r</sup>. [S.R., lxi, ii, 12, 13.]

7. Order made by the Court upon the petition of the inhabitants of Babington that one Robert Perrie of the tything of Babington who was att a Leete or law day held for the hundred of Babington aforesaid the xxv<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill last past presented by the Jury then there sworne to be next tythingman of the tythinge aforesaid, and was then ordered to come himself or send a sufficient man to the then next Hundred Court to take the office and to be sworne Tythingman for the said tythinge uppon a payne; which to performe the said Perrie doth refuse pretending himself to be freed thereof.

1. That the said Perry should before the next Leet or law day Court enter his traverse to the said presentment and then try it.
2. If he should refuse to do it or upon the trial of the traverse

ought to have been a tythingman of the said tithing, then the said Perrie should pay such sum of money unto one William Coltman now tythingman as the freeholders and Steward should think fit, which if the said Perry should refuse to do then upon complaint he was to be bound over to the next general quarter sessions. [S.R., lxi, ii, 14, 15 ; i, 2.]

8. The petition of the inhabitants of Wookey therein shewing that about Whitsonday last att Yarlington within this County a man childe was borne of the body of a wandringe weoman and after her deliuy she travellinge upp and downe the Country about the fowerth day of August last past she came into the said parish of Wookey and there only stayinge while she gaue her said childe sucke and departed into a corne feild within the said parish and ran away leauinge her said childe in the said field which hath ben ever since provided for att the charge of the said parishe of Wookey. And for that the said Childe was borne att Yarlington aforesaid the said parishioners have desired this Court to yeild them some releife, either to send it to Yarlington or els to take some other order therein. Referred unto Gerard Wood, D.D., Paull Godwyn, D.D., and Robte Hopton, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to make some order therein. [S.R., lxi, ii, 16, 17.]

9. Petition by the poore people of the hospitall of Langport therein shewing that one William Fisher now governor of the said house havinge receiued since the tyme he became governor there (being but twoe yeares and half) the some of threescore pounds with poore people which are there placed, doth deteyne most part thereof to his owne use without givinge any account thereof, and wasteth the same riotously and lewdly in drunkennes and lust, and often hath attempted the chastity of some of the poore people in the same house, and in particuler one Johan Pilcorne, and for the same hath ben questioned by Mr. Doctor Wood and that ever since the said Fisher hath dealt most cruelly with her both in her allowance and otherwise whereby the said poore people are like to perishe, the said Fisher havinge laid out not aboue twenty pound to their uses of the said threescore pound soe receiued as they can find, wherefore they desired this Court that the said Fisher might be removed and that one

Lement Petty, a brother of the said house, might be placed in his roome ; Sir George Speke, Knight, William Walrond and James Rosse, Esqrs., to take such course for the poore peoples releife herein as they shall thinke fitt, and to certifie the same att the next Sessions. [S.R., lxi, ii, 20.]

10. Ordered that it should be lawful to and for James Maggs of Camely to erect him an house or cottage upon some part of the waste of the manor of Camely without four acres of land, with leave of the lord of the soil and with the consent of the greatest part of the inhabitants. [S.R., lxi, ii, 21, 22.]

11. The case of Gyles Grove of East Coker who was conceiued to be wrongfully accused of being the father of a child, to be inquired into by John Harbyn and James Rosse, Esqrs., and the truth thereof to be certified by them at the next Court [S.R., lxi, ii, 25.]

12. Ordered that Ralph Barlowe, Deane of Wells, and Paul Godwyn, D.D., should proceed with their inquiry into divers abuses and misdemeanors committed by one Simon Vinicombe of Glaston and Agnes his wife against one Margery Light, the wife of Wiltm Light of Glaston, little of nothing therein having been done since the order was made at the Bridgwater Sessions. [S.R., lxi, ii, 27, 28 ; i, 61, 62.]

13. The petition of John Topliffe and Phillipp Osborne of sundry misdemeanours and abuses offered vnto them by Thomas Morgan of Shepton Mallett and John Bally, an Apparitor, endeauoring to pcure false witnesses and raysing scandalous speeches against them : referred unto Gerard Wood, D.D., to certify the truth of the matter at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxi, ii, 29, 30.]

14. The petition of Richard Webb shewing certain abuses offered vnto him by one John Deane in the wrongfull deteyninge of certaine bands [bonds] from him the said Webb : referred unto Sr Edward Rodney, Knt., and Capell, Esqr, to make some good ende, if not to binde those that they shall find refractory to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxi, ii, 32, 33.]

15. Order of the Court confirming the order made the xvth day of April, 1626 (?), for the settling of William, Ellinor and Agnes Jones the children of one Morgan Joanes [*sic*] in the tything of Haygrove where they were borne. [S.R., lxi, ii, 34, 35, 36, 37.]

16. Order made by the Court confirming an order previously made respecting a child born at Midsomer Norton: Robert Bowber Clarke, "who was wronged and unjustly accused of being the father of the child, having been cleared of the charge; William Panter, the reputed father, to pay 4<sup>d</sup>. weekly towards the releif of the child." [S.R., lxi, ii, 38, 43.]

17. The consideration of the petition of Mary Rugg, now prisoner in his Mats. gaole at Ivelchester, referred unto Thomas Lyte and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>.

18. The matter of some difference between the inhabitants of Blagdon and Ublie concerninge the releiving and providinge for a base child borne att Blagdon aforesaid in the house of one James Webb of Ublie aforesaid, referred vnto Sr Edward Rodney, knight, ffrancis Baber and Wiltm Capell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lxi, ii, 59, 60.]

19. The controversie between the parishioners of Walton and Chewton for the setlinge of one John Eggesfeild, a poore and impotent person, referred vnto Paul Godwyn, D.D., ffrancis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lxi, ii, 61.]

20. The matter of a certaine difference betweene the pish-ion<sup>rs</sup> of Weston-in-Zoyland and one John Pole of the same parish concerninge the enterteyninge of one Andrew Hobbes and his wife beinge then greate with childe likely to be chargeable to the said parish again referred vnto George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lxi, ii, 63.]

21. The matter of the overcharge of the inhabitants of North Cadbury towards the payment of the hospital money referred unto Sr Henry Berkeley, kn<sup>t</sup>., and James ffarewell, Esq<sup>r</sup>. [S.R., lxi, ii, 64.]

22. Order made for the relief and maintenance of Thamer, a bastard weoman child born at Middlezoy. Given under our hands the xxx<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1628. G. Poulett, Robert Cuffe. [S.R., lvi, ii, 51.]

23. An order made by Sir George Speke, Knt., and James Rosse, Esqr., for the releife and sustentation of a base child called William born in the parish of Curry Revell. [S.R., lvi, ii, 52.]

24. An order made by John Harbin and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., concerninge the fosterlinge, educatinge and bringinge upp of one Ursula, a base child borne at Odcombe. [S.R., lvi, ii, 53.]

25. An order made by Sir Henry Berkeley, knt., and James ffarewell, Esqr., 10th December, 1628, for the keepinge of Garthred Elliott, a base child, borne at Evercreech. [S.R., lxi, ii, 3, 54.]

26. An order made by Sir George Speke, Knt., and James Rosse, Esqr., touchinge the sustenta<sup>o</sup>n and releife of a base child called Ager borne in the parish of Cudworth. Dated 22 Nov., 1628. [S.R., lxi, ii, 55.]

27. An order made the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1628, by John Harbin and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., touchinge the fosteringe, educatinge and bringinge upp of one Richard Samon, a base childe, borne at Yevell, the reputed father to pay on the next sabbath day after notice of this order in the church porch of the parish church of Yevell aforesaid imediately after thend of Eveninge prayer 8<sup>d</sup>. for every week. [S.R., lxi, ii, 56, 57.]

28. William Spurlocke maketh oath, etc., that he hath now exhibited informations against Thomas Chepman of Chedsoy, etc., husbandman, for keepinge unlawfull games in his house; Against Beniamin Marshall of Streete, husbandman, Edward Cole *als*. Coles of Stogursey, husbandman, and Richard Hodges of the same place, husbandman, for shootinge in handguns contrary to the statute. And against John Wythie of Glaston, flockdriver, for takinge over and aboue the rate of eight pounds for the loane of one hundred pounds for one whole yeare contrary to the forme of the Statute. [S.R., lxi, ii, 42.]

29. William Knowman maketh oath, etc., he hath now exhibited informations against John Clarke of Lowham, husbandman, for erecting and building of a Cottage contrary to the forme of the statute, etc. Robte Zegar of Kingsbury, husbandman, Willm Isaacke of the same place, husbandman, for ingrossinge of corne contrary to the forme of the Statute. Against the Inhabitants of Camely, the Inhabitants of the tythinge of Horrington, and the Inhabitants of the tythinge of Henton Blueft in the said county, for not repayringe of their butts but suffering them to be in decay contrary to the form of the Statute made Anno 33 Hen. 8<sup>i</sup>. [S.R., lxi, ii, 41.]

30. The matter of the inequality of the rates and taxes imposed upon the inhabitants of the tithings of Poyntington, Stowell and Cheriton within the hundred of Horethorne referred at the last Ivelchester Sessions to Sr Henry Berkeley, Knight, Paul Godwyn, D.D., and John Harbyn, Esq<sup>r</sup>., or one of them. "And forasmuch as the said petitioners did repayre vnto me with the said order and prayed my endeauors for execution of the contents thereof I did accordingly att a certaine time and place appoynt a meetinge with diverse honest and discrete psons of each tythinge within the said Hundred where in the judgments of us all it was conceived that the Inhabitants of Pointington and Stowell had cause to complayne, and by the assent of all it was agreed that they should be eased and for that purpose did make a newe rate which together with the order of Sessions as herevnto affixed and subscribed with the hand of one honest and discreet man of eache tythinge within the said hundred which said rate they desire may stand and be recorded amongst the records of this County. He: Berkleye. [S.R., lxi, ii, 71, 72, 73, 74.]

#### A RATE FOR THE HUNDRED OF HORETHORNE.

A rate agreed upon the xij<sup>th</sup> day of November, Anno Dm., 1628, by those whose names are underwritten att Charleton Canvile *als.* horethorne, for the leaving of xx<sup>s</sup>. within the hundred of horethorne, and also what shalbe payed yearely out of the said hundred vnto the hospitalls and maymed souldiers out of every pishe.

To collect xx<sup>s</sup>. in the hundred.



EAST PART.			WEST PART.		
Hollwall...	...	xv <sup>d</sup> .	Trent ...	...	xxij <sup>d</sup> .
Henstridge	...	ij <sup>s</sup> . ix <sup>d</sup> .	Merston...	...	xx <sup>d</sup> .
Combe ...	...	xv <sup>d</sup> .	Samford...	...	xvij <sup>d</sup> .
Horsington	...	xx <sup>d</sup> .	Corton ...	...	xvij <sup>d</sup> .
Chiriton	...	xiiij <sup>d</sup> .	Poyntington	...	xj <sup>d</sup> .
Charleton	...	xx <sup>d</sup> .			
Stowell	...	xj <sup>d</sup> .			
Milborne port	...	ij <sup>s</sup> .			
Sma ...	...	xij <sup>s</sup> . ix <sup>d</sup> .	Sma ...	...	vij <sup>s</sup> . iij <sup>d</sup> .

What e<sup>vy</sup> pish within the said hundred shall pay yearely to the hospitalls and maymed souldiers.

Hollwall ...	xviijs.	vj <sup>d</sup> .	Trent ...	xxijs.	ij <sup>d</sup> .
Henstridge ...	xxx <sup>s</sup> .	viijs.	Merston ...	xix <sup>s</sup> .	ij <sup>d</sup> .
Combe ...	xiiijs.	ij <sup>d</sup> .	Samford ...	xv <sup>s</sup> .	x <sup>d</sup> .
Horsington ...	xx <sup>s</sup> .	viijs.	Corton ...	xvjs.	x <sup>d</sup> .
Chiriton ...	xjs.	ij <sup>d</sup> .	Poyntington	x <sup>s</sup> .	viijs.
Charleton ...	xiijs.	viijs.			
Stowell ...	x <sup>s</sup> .	viijs.	Sma...	... iijli.	ijjs. viijs.

Sma total, pro "hospitalles et maymed souldiers" p. Annu pret. xli. xiijs. j<sup>d</sup>.

Tho: Hann.  
 William Sheppard.  
 Richard Yetman.  
 Leonard Banter.  
 William Dagler *als*. Aitler.  
 John Bartlett.

William Hammon.  
 John Sanford.  
 Benjamin Randall.  
 La: Hooper.  
 John Wadman.

31. Thomas Newport, a native of Wilts, ordered to return to his master Henry Albyn of Upton Noble from whom he had departed without his consent, and if the said Albyn should refuse to receive him then he the said Albyn should be bound to the next Sessions of the Peace to answer his contempt. [S.R., lvi, ii, 50.]

32. Upon the petition of the Inhabitants of the towne of Castle Cary £6 13s. 4d. was ordered to be paid unto one Ellinor Slade of Castle Cary aforesaid widdow who had susteyned a greate losse by a late accident of fire which burned her dwellinge house with all her goods and outhouses to the ground amountinge to the value of threscore pounds and upwards to the utter undoeinge and impoverishing of the said Ellinor Slade and her eight children. [S.R., lxi, ii, 91.]

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER the 14th, 15th and 16th days of April, 5 Charles (1629), before Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir Robert Phelipps, Sir Henry Berkeley, Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wells, William Capell, Anthony Stocker, James Farewell, John Farewell, George Powlett, Robert Cuffe, John Harrington, James Rosse, and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

1. The petition from the inhabitants of the parish of Wiveliscombe respecting the settling and providing for one Thomas Welshman referred unto William ffraunceis and Wifm Every, Esqrs. [S.R., lxi, ii, 78, 79.]

2. Fifty pounds a year ordered to de paid unto Captaine Thomas Carne who had been appointed Muster Maister according to a letter from the Right honorable William Earle of Pembroke, Lord Leiftenant, in the place of Sr Edward Hawley, late muster maister. [S.R., lxi, ii, 80 ; i, 81.]

3. Petition respecting the paternity of a child referred unto Sir John Windham, Knight, and Thomas Windham, Esqr. [S.R., lxi, ii, 81, 82.]

4. Letter dated at Whitehall the xxiiij<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1628, from the Officers of the greencloth of his Maties Household to the Justices of the peace of the County certifying that complaint had been made unto them by the Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Burrough of Bridgwater of some wronge done unto them by laying a greater charge uppon them towards

his Maties composition services than of right they ought to beare. Referred unto John Symes, George Poulett, Robte Cuffe and George Browne, Esqrs. [S.R., lxi, ii, 83, 84.]

5. Twenty shillings ordered to be paid unto George Hiskins, a maimed soldier, but no further allowance untill he procure a certificate according to the statute in such case made and provided. [S.R., lxi, ii, 85, 86.]

6. Whereas the Constables and others of the hundred of Crewkerne have informed the Court by way of petition that a certaine bridge called Clapton Bridge lyeinge within their said hundred is fallen into greate decay and for that it is not knowen who of right ought repayre the said bridge. It is therefore desired by this Court that John Lord Poulett, Baron of Henton St. George, Paull Godwyn, D.D., George Poulett, Robte. Henley, Wilm. Walrond, and James Rosse, Esqrs, Justices of the peace within the said County or any three of them would be pleased to call such parties before them as the said Constables shall nominate unto them and examine by whome the said bridge ought to be repayed, and to appoynt some sufficient workemen to view the same what the charge for the repayinge of the said bridge will amount unto, and to certifie their opinions concerninge the premisses att the next Sessions of the peace to be holden for this County that some speedy course might be taken for the repayinge of the same. [S.R., lxi, ii, 87, 88.]

7. Whereas John Williams is now remayninge in his Maties gaole att Ivelchester for speakinge of high and haynous words against the Kings Matie as this Court is enformed, and that he hath or had att the time of the comittment certaine moneys and diverse bills and bonds sufficient to relieue him in tyme of his durance in prison which said bills and bonds and diverse other goods ar (as this Court is likewise enformed) taken from him by one Andrew Daniell of Busselton [Brislington] being bayliffe or the soyle there It was thought fitt And desired by the Court that ffrancis Baber, Esqr. one of his mats. Justices of the peace within this County wilbe pleased to take the same into his consideration and provide that the same bills and bonds be not imbessled; and that the said John Williams may have his

reasonable maintenance out of the same duringe his imprisonment as the said Mr. Baber shall thinke fitt. [S.R., lxi, ii, 89 ; i, 72.]

8. The difference betweene John Baker of yevelton and William Parsons of Slocourt concerninge the rentinge of a livinge of the said Bakers within the parish of yevellton aforesaid referred for examinatione unto Sir Robte Phelippe, Knight, and Thomas Lyte, Esqr. [S.R., lxi, ii, 90.]

9. Order made upon the petition of the governor of the house of Correction of Shepton mallett who was to receive £40 yearly, that the arrerages of £10 due from the Treasurers, etc., of the western division since the said last Taunton Sessions shalbe forthwith payed unto him by the Treasurers of the easter division if he shall haue soe much in stocke of surplusage. [S.R., lxi, ii, 93, 94.]

10. The examination referred unto Paul Godwyn, D.D., George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esqrs., concerning the petition of the Inhabitants of the parish of Walton that one Richard Lyde sometyme of the said parish of Walton, deceased, tooke to wife one Cicely Vyren of Lovington, widdowe, who had one childe by her former husband att Lovington aforesaid who is now with her childe remayninge in the said parish who ar not well able to undergoe further charge. [S.R., lxi, ii, 95 ; i, 54.]

11. The petition of the inhabitants of the hundred of Somerton shewinge that the Constables of their said hundred for the space of eight or nyne yeares or more last past haue charged the Inhabitants of the said Hundred with their disbursements in their travells and for their owne writings and other charges in his Maties service, which haue never ben accustomed, to be inquired into by Sr Robte Phelipps, Knight, and Paull Godwyn, D.D., and Thomas Lyte, Esqr. [S.R., lxi, i, 55, 56.]

12. The petition of John Still showing that one John Pitts caused him to be arrested att his suite uppon a forged warrant for which the said John Still procured him to be bound to this Sessions by recognizance intendinge to haue indicted him for the said offence, but could not in regard Thomas Elliott and John

Harris the bailiffs who arrested the said John Still havinge the warrant in their custody Do refuse either to shew or deliuer the said warrant whereby a legall course may be taken against the said Pitts, referred unto S<sup>r</sup> Robte Phelipps, Knight. [S.R., lxi, i, 57, 58.]

13. Ordered upon the petition of the inhabitants of Long Sutton that one George Stephens of Mounckton within this County, who married the daughter of John Raynold *als.* Farr of Longsutton within this county, with his wife shall forthwith retourne unto the said parish of Mounckton where he hath formerly lived. [S.R., lxi, i, 59, 60.]

14. Ordered that Edith Illary of Shepton Beauchamp, who hath had five base children whereof one was lately borne of which William Wrenche is the reputed father, And that the said Edith hath had noe correction for any of the said Children, shalbe forthwith sent to the house of Correction and there to receiue punishment accordinge to the lawe and to be sett on worke untill the nexte Sessions. [S.R., lxi, i, 63.]

15. Forasmuch as it appeareth unto this Court that Gyles Winterhay, Arthur Wadland, William Joanes, Edward Pytman and Richard Cottle haue received some hurts in their bodyes in his Maties late warrs, the Treasurer of the Maimed soldiers was ordered to pay them so much apiece towards their maintenance until the next Sessions of the peace.

16. An order made at Watchett for the maintenance of a child born in the parish of Kingsbrumpton. [S.R., lxi, i, 75.]

17. An order made for the maintenance of the child of Elizabeth Brodcake of the city of Bristol, born in the parish of Chewstoke. [S.R., lxi, ii, 96.]

18. An order made for the maintenance, etc., of the child of Edith Illary, born in the parish of Shepton Beauchamp. [See No. 14. S.R., lxi, ii, 97 ; i, 69.]

19. An order made touching the releife of a base child called Mary, borne in the pishe of Sutton Bingham. [S.R., lxi, ii, 98.]

20. Informations exhibited by Thomas Warry against ten persons, husbandmen, for sefall offences by them committed, agst., Anno quinto et sexto Edri sexti. Against six clothiers of Chard and Crewkerne, for streyninge of cloth with tentors contrary to the forme of the statute made and provided, And against Wiltm Bryant of Crewkerne aforesaid, husbandman, for ingrossinge of fluell contrary to the forme of the Statute. [S.R., lxi, ii, 99.]

21. Informations exhibited by William Spurlocke against eleven persons for shuting in handguns contrary to the forme of the Statute made Anno 33<sup>o</sup> Henr. 8<sup>o</sup>. Against Henry Pavy *als*. Pavier of Somerton, barber, for keepinge disse vnlawfull games in his house contrary to the forme of the said Statute; against Robte Cradocke of Lovington, Tayler, for ingrossinge of corne contrary to the forme of the Statute made Anno quinto et sexto Edri sexti: Against Robte Hebditch of Butley, husbandman, and Peter Hodges of the same place, husbandman, for ingrossinge of a mowe of wheat contrary to the forme of the said Statute. [S.R., lxi, ii, 100.]

22. Informations exhibited by Wiltm Knowman against the Inhitants of the sefall tythings of West Lambrook, Lake, Kingsbury and Stembridge, within the said County for not repayringe their butts but sufferinge them to decay contrary to the forme of the Statute made Anno 33<sup>o</sup> Henr. 8<sup>o</sup>. Against Wiltm Page of Hurcott within the pish of Somerton, husbandman, Richard ffisher of Lower Somerton, husband., John Grimsteed of Charleton Mackerell, husbandman, Thomas Dyer of Loade in the said County, husband., and Edward Perry of the same place, husbandman, for shooting in handguns contrary, etc.; Against Edward Mannynge of Shepton Beauchampe, husbandman, for buyinge and sellinge of live cattle within five weekes contrary, etc., Anno 5<sup>o</sup> et 6<sup>o</sup> Edri sexti. Against John Larcombe and [ ] Spelt, Churchwardens of the parish of Martocke for forestallinge the markett in buyinge of malt goinge to the towne of South petherton contrary to the forme of the said Statute made Anno 5<sup>o</sup> et 6<sup>o</sup> Edri sexti, etc. [S.R., lxi, ii, 101.]

23. Att this Sessions it is ordered that if any Alehouse keeper be lawfully suppressed by any Justices of the peace in their severall Divisions or in open Sessions from typling that the said Alehousekeep[er] be not againe lycenced by any other Justices of peace out of the said Division nor in the open Sessions unlesse some Justices of the peace of the same Division where the ptie Dwelleth be present and consent therevnto and that noe other partie be lycenced whatsoever without the consent of the Justices of the same Division.

24. Whereas there ar certaine somes of mony now given to some maymed souldiers with refference for a further pension unto the next Sessions. It is ordered that unlesse they doe bringe sufficient certificate att the next Sessions as the lawe requireth that they shall have no further pension. And that from henceforth noe pension be graunted to any soldier without such a certificate as the lawe requireth.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON, the 7th, 8th, and 9th days of July, 5 Charles (1629), before Sir Robert Phelipps, knt., Ralph Barlow Dean of Wells, John Symes, William Francis, Thomas Brereton, Thomas Windham, George Browne, John Harrington, Robert Cuffe, William Every, Arthur Pyne, and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

1. Att this Sessions Arthur Pyne, Esqr., is chosen Treasurer of the Hospittalls of the westerne Division. And Sir Ralphe Hopton, Knt., is chosen Treasurer of the hospitalls of the Easterne Division ; And Thomas Windham and George Browne Esqrs., are to take the accompt of the old Treasurers.

Jo. Symes.

[The account of A. Stocker, lxi, i, 30.]

2. Ordered that John Nicholls of Ayshill upon his petition, also upon certificates from Sir George Speke, Knight, Lord of the manor, and of divers of the inhabitants of Ayshill might build himself a house upon some part of the waste ground of the said manor, lyeinge nere to the Almshouse. [S.R., lxi, ii, 108 109, 110.]

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3. Order settling Thomas Welshman a child in the parish of Milverton upon a certificate of the inhabitants of the parish of Wiveliscombe. [See last Ilchester Sessions, No. 1, S.R., lxi, ii, iii; i, 1.]

4. Uppon the certificate of the Churchwardens, overseers of the poore and diverse other Inhabitants of the parishe of Winsham therein shewing that one John Staple of Winsham aforesaid havinge charge of wife and children and is many tymes not Compos mentis by reason whereof his said poore wife and children are in greate wante and like to perishe for want of things fittinge; And yet notwithstanding the said John Staple hath within the said parish a livinge of a reasonable competencye to releive and maynteyne himself, his wife, and children the profit whereof the said Staple doth consume wastefully and for releife herein have petitioned this Court. The examination and settlement of the said businesse referred unto the right woll. Sr. George Speke, Knight, Withm Walrond and James Rosse, Esqrs. [S.R., lxi, i, 3, 4.]

5. The dispute between the inhabitants of Mounksilver and Nettlecombe concerninge the setlinge of one Elenor Stephens referred unto the right woll. Sr John Windham, Knight, and Thomas Windham, Esqr. [S.R., lxi, i, 5, 6.]

6. Certaine controversies now dependinge betweene francis Sandell of Sturton in the Countie of Wiltes and Withm Hendye of Meere in the said County and others whereuppon the said Sandell standeth indicted att this Sessions and hath pleaded not guiltie to such indictments as are now preferred against him, and is bound to prosecute his traverses att the next Sessions of the peace holden at Ivelchester which controversies dependeth uppon matter of tytle betweene Richard Chaffyn of Seale in the said County of Wiltes, Esqr, and Withm Coombes gent., etc., Sir Ralph Hopton, Knight, and Ralphe Barlowe, Deane of Wells, etc., in the meantyme to send for the parties and compose the said controversies if they can, if not to certifie their opinions therein att the said next Sessions. [S.R., lxi, i, 7.]



7. Ordered upon the examination into the matter by William Every, Esqr, that Goviers Bridge within the hundred of Milverton which was heretofore by the meanes and procurements of one John Cockeram, father of one Mathew Cockeram, repayred and maynteyned should from henceforth be repaired and maintained by the said Mathew Cockeram. [S.R., lxi, i, 8, 9, copy of examination of witnesses, 11.]

8. Order upon the petition of Martine Hancocke of Taunton St James for discharging one Thomas Moore a poor child from his apprenticeship with one Hugh Baker of the same place who "sithence the enterteyninge the said apprentice fallen into povertye and that Duringe the tyme as he the said Thomas lived with the said Baker vsed him the said Moore very basely not allowinge him materialls fittinge for him and suffered him the said Moore to growe lowsye and not fitt for a Christian to endure" etc., this the said Moore to be apprenticed with the said Hancocke for the remainder of the term. The like order for Christofer Trott of St. James aforesaid to take one Wifflm Butche from the said Hugh Baker. [S.R., lxi, i, 11, 12.]

9. The Treasurer of the hospitalls of the western Division of this County ordered to pay twentie nobles at the next General Sessions at Bridgwater unto Humfrye Hayley, who had lately susteyned great losses by fyer. [S.R., lxi, i, 24.]

10. Whereas this Court is enformed that one Johan Hill of the parish of Skillgate, widdowe, was possessed of certaine goods to the value of tenn pounds or upwards whereof one Thomas Yendoll hath a deed of gifte, and for that it is conceived that the said Yendoll is a fellowe likely to spend the goods of the said Johan Hill and leave her to the charge of the said parish of Skillgate; Thomas Windham, Esqr, is desired to call all the parties before him, and to take such course for the security of the said parish from the charge of the said Johan Hill. [S.R., lxi, i, 23.]

11. In the matter of certain differences respecting the settling of a child between the inhabitants of the parishes of Blagdon and Ubley, etc., order made for its settlement at Ubley where it was conceived. [S.R., lxi, i, 26, 27.]

12. Order made that the now Constables of each hundred under written which had not paid towards the repairing of Tone bridge should collect and pay it at the next Assises, or otherwise certifie in whose hands the moneys by them now is to some of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s. Justices of the peace in the said former order specified. [See order made at the last General Sessions at Bridgwater. *S.R.*, lxi, i, 28, 29.]

13. Order made uppon the humble certificate of the Inhabitants of the parish of Pitcombe that John Perry thelder and George Perry of the said pish should have out of the treasurie of hospitalls £ 3 6s. 8d. towards their losses sustained by a certaine and suddayne fier happeninge on the seventeenth daye of May last past which consumed their howses and all their goods to the value of thirtie pounds and upwards. [*S.R.*, lxi, i, 41, 42, 43.]

14. Order made in pursuance of an order made by Sr Thomas ffreke and Sr George Horsey, Knights, twoe of his Mats Justices of the peace within the Countye of Dorsett for the delivery by the Sheriff of Somerset or his officers of the reputed father of a child living at Holton, Somerset, to the inhabitants of Pulham, Dorset. [*S.R.*, lxi, i, 50, 51, 52.]

15. Order made by the Court that John Beard upon the humble certificate of diverse of the Inhabitants and pishioners of Wellowe beinge a very poor man and havinge charge of wife and family and noe waye able by meanes of his povertie to pay any rent for a house whereby he, his poore wife and children, ar likely to perishe, etc., to erect him a Cottage or habitacon vppon some part of the waste of the said Manor of Wellowe beinge parcell of the ground of Wilm<sup>ts</sup> ffancis, gent. [*S.R.*, lxi, i, 53, 78.]

16. Sr Ralph Hopton, Sr John Horner, Sr Edward Rodney, Knights, Ralphe Barlowe, Deane of Wells, and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to examine one Henry Steevens of Doultinge, vehemently suspected for incontinent livinge with one Avice Levett beinge his mayd servant, who goeth with a base childe, etc. [*S.R.*, lxi, i, 79.]

17. Order made upon the petition of one Augustine Harvy of Ilmister the bondsman for the reputed father of a child, now gone away. [S.R., lxi, i, 47.]

18. Order made by George Luttrell and Thomas Windham, Esqrs, towards the relief and maintenance of a child born at Dunster.

19. Order made by William ffraunceis and Thomas Brereton, Esqrs, for the relief of the child of Philadelphia Tratt of Bishops Lydeard.

20. Order made by William ffraunceis and William Every, Esqrs, for the weekly payment of 8<sup>d</sup> by one Quintine Backway, sonne of John Backway of Wellington weauer for the support of a child born there. [S.R., lxi, i, 76.]

21. Order made by Sir John Windham and Thomas Windham, Esqrs., for the payment of 8<sup>d</sup> weekly by Conand Hurford, husbandman, of Oldcleeve for and towards the relief of a child born there. [S.R., lxi, i, 21, 77.]

22. Informations exhibited by Witm Knowman against eight persons, husbandmen, for severall offencs by them comitted contrary to the forme of the statute made Anno quinto et sexto Edi sexti. Against John Clarke of St. James in the said Countye, husbandman, Robte Nashion of Wellington, husbandman, Edward Mannynge of Shepton Beauchamp, husbandman, And against Darkes Sellwood of Chard, Spinster, for usinge severall trades contrary to the forme of the Statute made Anno quinto Elizabethe. [S.R., lxi, i, 45.]

23. Informations exhibited by Humfrye Edwards against seven husbandmen for ingrossinge of Corne contrary to the forme of the statute made Anno quinto et sexto Edi sexti. [S.R., lxi, i, 44.]

24. Nothing having been as yet done by Sir George Speke and others towards examining the complaint made against William Fysher, governor of the hospital of Langport Westover, this Court doth therefore desire and soe order that S<sup>r</sup> Robte

Phelipps, Knight, Arthur Pyne and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, etc., wilbe pleased to examine the same. [S.R., lxi, i, 88.]

The accoumpt of Arthur Stocker, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Treasurer of the hospitalls in the easterne Division of the County of Som<sup>st</sup>. [See No. 1.]

25. Order made for bringing to justice John Kinge, Laurence Kinge, and Edmond Prigg, who had resisted with violence their being arrested, warrants having been issued against them by Sr Robert Phelipps, Knight, under a speciall writt of the good beheauio<sup>r</sup> awarded out of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> high Court of Chauncery. [S.R., lxi, i, 83.]

26. A petition concerninge a base child borne in Ireland and now remayning in the pish of Southpetherton, that the said child now remayninge in Southpetherton is vehemently suspected to be a conterfait child and the true child of which he is thought to be the reputed father to be murthered for that nere about the tyme the mother of the child was conveyed into Ireland there was a young Child found dead in a river att Earneshill, etc.; referred unto Sr George Speke, Knight, Withm Walrond and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lxi, i, 82, 83.]

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER  
on the 15th, 16th and 17th days of September, 5 Charles  
(1629), before Sir Edward Rodney, Thomas Windham,  
William Fraunceis, John Harrington, Robert Cuffe, George  
Poulett, Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esquires.

1. Order made "That twoe hundred pounds shalbe forthwith Collected within this Countie, to be payd vnto Thomas Windham and Thomas Lutterell, Esq<sup>rs</sup> to the use of the Constables of the porte of Mynehead for their charge in transportinge of a greate number of Irish people accordinge to the lawe and a refference made unto us by his Maties. Judges of Assises at Taunton Assises last." [S.R., lxi, i, 114.]

2. The consideracon of John Aishe of Huntspill his petition touchinge some monyes layd out in the prosecucon of a suite comenced against him by Wlthm Hackett concerninge the maintenance of "attillery" is referred unto Robte Cuffe, Abraham Burrell and Wlthm Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup> or any twoe of them to order therein as they shall thinke fitt. [S.R., lxi, i, 95.]

3. Order made upon a Complaint that 8*d*. a week made towards the relief of a child born at Murlinche had not been paid ; the reputed father is lately fled the country. [S.R., lxi, i, 103, 104, 105.]

4. Whereas att the last genall quarter Sessions of the peace holden att Taunton one Wlthm Attkins of the pishe of Haselbere Plucknett within this County beinge formally questioned for the keepinge of a Comon tiplinge house in Haselbere Plucknett aforesaid without lycence, and att the said Sessions appearinge, Did there produce unto the Court a lycence or Lres Patents under the greate seale of England formerly graunted unto one George Randall Clarke for the keepinge of an Inn or Comon hostery in Haselbere Plucknett aforesaid which said lres Patents or lycences the said Atkins Did then pretend that it was assigned over unto him by the said Randall duringe the terme in the same specified But the Court then conceivinge that the said lycence or letters patents were not legally obteyned and att that tyme not in force, but graunted under pretence of a Patent formerly graunted unto S<sup>r</sup> Gyles Mompesson, Knight, which said Patent and all other Patents or licencs graunted under pretence or color thereof were by his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Royall pclamacon absolutely made frustrate and voyd and thereby ordered to be recalled in and to be delivered unto the Clarkes of Assises or Clarks of the peace of every severall County within the Realme to be by them kept untill his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Royall pleasure should therein be further knowne : The Co<sup>rt</sup> Did therevppon then order that the Clarke of the peace of this Countie should Deteyne and keepe in his Custodie the said lycence or lres Patents vntill further order should be taken therein. Now forasmuch as the said Atkins hath att this present Sessions moved this Co<sup>rt</sup> shewinge that the said Attkins Did for a valuable consideracon purchase the said assignement of the said lycence or lres Patents from the said Randall,

and that he is bound by bond or other assurance to the said Randall either to bring in this next Michas tearme the said lycence or l<sup>rs</sup> Patents vncancelled and vndefaced or otherwise to pay him the remaynder of the money for which he contracted with the said Randall for the same, which if he should not Doe would tend to his utter undoeinge, and therefore hath by his said mocoñ humbly Desired this Co<sup>rt</sup>, that the said lycence or l<sup>rs</sup> Patents may be redeliu<sup>d</sup> vnto him uncanceled and undefaced as the same were when as the same were Deliu<sup>d</sup> vnto the said Clarke of the peace to thend he may shew the same vnto the said Randall together with the order of this Co<sup>rt</sup> and take vpp such assurances as he hath given vnto him to that purpose and receiue backe againe such monyes as he hath payed for the same, if he can gett the same; This Co<sup>rt</sup> Doth hereuppon order that the said Clarke of the peace shall deliver the said lycence or l<sup>rs</sup> Patents vnto the said Atkins. But this Co<sup>rt</sup> Doth further order that neither he the said Atkins nor the said Randall nor any other by vertue or color of the said lycence or l<sup>res</sup> Patents shall kepe any cōmon Inne or hostery or tipple or sell beare within this County to which the said Atkins here in open Co<sup>rt</sup> hath consented vnto and promised to redeliver or cause the said lycence or l<sup>res</sup> Patents to be Deliu<sup>d</sup> vnto the said Clarke of the peace att or before the next genall quarter Sessions of the peace to be held within this County next after the Clause of Easter next. [S.R., lxi, i, 121.]

5. Nothing having been done since the order was made at the last Bridgwater Sessions in respect of "those hundreds here under written which had not brought in such monies as they were rated unto the repayringe" of Tonebridge, it was again ordered that the Justices of the peace of the several divisions should call the Constables of the said hundreds, and if necessary to bind every such delinquent to appeare att the next genall Sessions. [S.R., lxi, i, 106, 107.]

6. Tristram Morse, governor of the house of Correcōn att Taunton hath informed this Court that by former orders of Sessions there should haue ben xii<sup>li</sup> levyed and payd unto him yearly in respect of his greate charge there; notwithstanding

all which said former orders the said xij<sup>li</sup> p. ann. hath not ben payed accordingly, but ben deteyned from the said Tristram Morse by the space of three yeares and upwards, yett the number of persons comitted there haue of late ben more then formerly, this Court doth hereuppon referr the said business unto John Symes, William ffraunceis, Thomas Windham, Thomas Brereton, Robte Cuffe, George Browne and Arthur Pyne, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., them or any four of them, and to certify what they had done therein at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxi, i, 108.]

7. An order made for the keeping of a child born in the parish of Yeatton. [S.R., lxi, i, 109.] The mother to be openly whipped, and the reputed father, because it only appeared that he was the father on the confession of the mother, "we leaue him to be censured by the Eccle<sup>c</sup>all lawes of the Church." [S.R., lxi, i, 110.]

8. Order made respecting a child born in the parish of Drayton.

[INFORMATIONS.]

9. Withm Knowman maketh oath, etc., that he had exhibited severall informations against six husbandmen "for usinge severall trades contrary to the forme of the Statute," etc., quinto Elizab. ; Against five other husbandmen for several offences against 5 and 6 Ed. VI. [S.R., lxi, i, 111.]

10. George Webbe maketh oath that he hath now exhibited sefall Informations against, etc., Edward Thornall, Clothier, Richard Peowe, Clothier, Hercules Whitinge, Clothier, Tymothy Tayler, Clothier [all of Shepton Mallett], for usinge the trade of a weaver contrary to the forme of Statute made Anno quinto Eliz. [S.R., lxi, i, 112.]

11. Withm Knowman maketh oath that, etc., he hath served with subp<sup>as</sup> John Beavice, Darkes Selwood, Edward Bicknell and John Venycott. [S.R., lxi, i, 113.]

12. Repetition of No. 1.

13. Order made the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1629, by Sr Robte Phelipps, Knight, and John Harbyn, Esq<sup>r</sup>., touching a base weoman child born in the parish of Stoford.

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th days of January, 5 Charles (1629-30), before Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir Edward Rodney, knights, Paul Godwyn, D.D., Robert Hopton, Francis Baber, John Harrington, William Capell, Anthony Stocker, Arthur Pyne, Abraham Burrell, James Farewell, William Bull, and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

1. Licenses granted :

1. To Thomas Bull and John Bull of Longsutton to buy all manner of live cattle in open fayres and Marketts and to sell the same againe xl myles off in open fayres and marketts for as it be not by forestallinge.
2. To Margaret Slade of West Coker, widdowe, to make twelves bushells of malte weekeley and to sell the same againe : graunted by Sir Ed. Rodney, Robert Hopton, John Harrington, and Arthur Pyne, Esq<sup>rs</sup>.
3. To John Davies of Chewstoke to buy all manner of corne and graine for bread and to convert the same into mele, and sell it in the city of Bristoll or elsewhere provided that it be not by forestallinge regrating or ingrossinge.
2. Order for increasing the pension of Edward Hobbes a maymed souldier.
3. Order made for increasing the pension of Edward Harcombe a poore maymed souldier. [See No. 11.]
4. Edward Pittman of Glaston a maymed soldier to be paid four marks yearly.
5. A letter having received from the Right hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Leiftenant for the releivinge of one Robert Cooke



a poore souldier in the service of the late Queene of famous memory; a pension of five markes yearly to be paid.

6. Order made respecting the constables of those hundreds which had made default in payment towards the rate ordered to be made for transporting a greate number of Irish people from the port of Minehead.

7. Whereas it hath appeared unto this Court that William Culverhouse of Greinton, Blacksmith, hath misused and beaten ffrancis Sheppard *als.* Townsend his apprentice to the great hurt of the said apprentice we doe therefore for preventinge of further mischeife which may happen absolutely free, acquit and discharge the said ffrancis Sheppard the apprentice from his apprenticeshood. £4 to be paid by Culverhouse to William Sheppard the father of the apprentice, which some of fower pounds the said Wiltm Sheppard formerly gave to the said William Culverhouse with the said apprentice.

8. Whereas Barton David, Kingweston and Kington [Mandeville] make upp one tything in the Common rates of which Kingweston had for diverse yeares in all publicke rates to the Kinge borne halfe against thother twoe heretofore, the Inhabitants of Kingweston aforesaid complayninge to this Court. It was agreed that Kingweston should bear but a third part against the other two, and that it should so continue until good reason should be given.

9. Whereas this Court is informed by the petiçon of Mathew Mearne of Avington that he havinge a Daughter which went from him without his consent about three yeares since unto one Joane Kidgell of Avington aforesaid, widdowe, the said Joane Kidgell beinge an invective enemy of the [said] Mathew Mearne and a molestor of the most part of her neighbours in suits of law being presented by the wardens of the said parish for suspicion of incontinency, the said Mathew Mearne beinge then one of the wardens that presented her, And that the said Joane Kidgell insinuats with his said Daughter in such sorte that she will not acknowledge him to be her father nor speake vnto him, and yett

the said Joane Kidgell alloweth her scarce any cloathes on her backe and beats her extreamely, and when she hath soe done chargeth the tythingman with her, fearinge she will burne her house as shee pretends ; And therefore the said Mathew Mearne hath humbly desired this Court to take some course for the removinge of his said daughter from the said Joane Kidgell ; Sr Robert Phelipps, Knight, and John Harbin, Esqr, to examine the said parties and to certify their finding at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 64.]

10. Order upon the certificate of Sr Edward Rodney, Knight, one of the Lords of Manor of Twiverton and divers of the inhabitants of that parish, that one Richard Bishopp might erect and build him an house or cottage upon some part of the waste of the manor of Twiverton, etc. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 1, 2, 3.]

11. Edward Harcombe a maimed soldier to be paid 20s. more asan addition to his former pension of 20s. year. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 4, 5.]

12. Whereas George Blanchflower of Aishpriors Clarke hath petiçoned this Courte shewing that he havinge a Daughter bound an apprentice unto one John Ballifont of Aishpriors afore-said yeoman whome the said John Ballyfont hath misused, wherevppon the said apprentice departed from her said Master's service, and is now sett on worke by some of the Inhabitants of the said parish accordinge to agreements formerly had betweene the said Mr. Blanchflower and the said John Ballyfont before William ffraunceis and Wiltm Every, Esqrs ; And for that suits in lawe ar likely to arise betweene the said John Ballyfont, Mr. Blanchflower and other the Inhabitants of the said parishe concerninge the said apprentice ; ffor appeasinge whereof and in regard they ar old and not able to travel to the Sessions, this Court doth refer the examination thereof unto the said Mr. ffraunceis, Robert Cuffe and the said Mr. Every, Esqrs, desiringe that they or any twoe of them wilbe pleased to send for the said Mr. Blanchflower and John Ballyfont and others of the said parishe whome it shall concerne and examine the said Differences betweene them to sett downe such good order therein as they uppon examinacō thereof shall thinke fitt. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 7, 8.]

13. Petition of James Browne of the parish of Wedmore shewinge that he havinge one Jane Pitt, a poore child, of thage of nyne yeares bound as an apprentice unto him by the overseers of the poore of the said parishe and was ordered by William Capell and Edward Tynte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to haue the moytie of such goods as were left unto her by her father, deceased, towards his charge in the breedinge upp of her all which goods ar yett remayninge in the hands or custodye of the said overseers and are Deteyned from him contrary to the said order made by the said Mr. Capell and Mr. Tynte, And therefore Desired this Court that either he might be freed of his said apprentice or haue such goods as were limited unto him by the said Justics towards his Charge: Sr Edward Rodney, Knight, and the said Mr. Capell to call the said parties before them and make such order therein as they shall think fit. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 9, 10.]

14. Whereas this Court is informed as well by the petiçōn of Prudence Poole of Puriton subscribed by the hand of Thomas Poole, Clarke of the said parish, that havinge lived in the parish of Huntspill by the space of ffyfteene yeares as an apprentice an [*sic*] sithence hath lived in the said parish of Puriton by the space of fower yeares, three yeares whereof likewise in service, but findinge herself unfitt for service of carryinge of heavy burthens heretofore which have much distempered her, haue endeavoured ever since to gett her livinge by instrucon of children within the said parishe of Puriton, vntill such time as she was disturbed by the Constable and others of the said parish requiring her to repayre unto the place of her birth which is unknowne unto her, And thereby humbly desired this Court that some order might be taken for her releife and quiett: George Poulett and Robert Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to call the said parties before them and take such course for the releife and settinge of the said Prudence Poole as they shall thinke fitt. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 11, 12.]

15. Whereas the Inhabitants of the parish of Stowey haue petiçōned this Court shewinge that one Richard Hixe of the parishe of Clutton haue lived together with his wife in the said parishe of Clutton by the space of twenty yeares and upwards, and there hath built an house longe since for his habitaçōn,

notwithstandinge which the parishioners of Clutton aforesaid Doe endeavour to exclude the said Hixe, his wife and children out of their said parishe and impose them uppon the said parishe of Stowey. Referred unto ffrancis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., for the settling, etc., and to certify these proceedings therein at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 13, 14.]

16. Ordered that it should be lawful upon the certificate of ffrancis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., as also upon the certificate of Thomas Feare, Lord of some freeholds in Bishopp Sutton within the parishe of Chew and diverse others of the Inhabitants of the said parish for one Thomas Teegg of Bishopp Sutton aforesaid to erect and build him a cottage uppon some part of the ffreehold of the said Thomas Feare in Bishopp Sutton aforesaid. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 15, 16, 17, 18.]

17. Order made for the relief of a child born at Woollavington.

18. Petition of Richard Oliver of Spaxton: Diverse contro<sup>rs</sup>ies and suits nowe dependinge betweene the said Richard Oliver and John Dunscombe thelder of Stogursey and Diverse others more out of malice then of any iust cause; referred to Thomas Windham, George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 30, 31.]

19. Petition of Thomas Fryer of Hungerford ffarly, that the charge of releivinge a base childe borne within the said parishe (of the body of one Elizabeth Sly who is fledd the Country whereof one John Bowmer is the reputed father, who is likewise gone away) is wholly left uppon the Inhabitants of the said parishe who haue received the some of fforty shillings of the said Bowmer, and thereby discharged him from all future trouble or charge concerninge the same: that the said base child hath ever since Easter last ben releiued and fostered att the sole charge of one poore widdowe weoman who is not of ability to continue her wonted charity towards the said childe any longer without some allowance from the said parishe; Sr John Horner, Knight, and Robert Hopton, Esq., are desired to settle the matter. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 32, 33.]

20. Petition in the behalf of Diverse Inhabitants of the parishe of Evercreech that the said Inhabitants ar much burthened and overcharged in all their payments within the said parishe by reason of the unequality of their rates, the said rates beinge gathered by farthinge lands and not accordinge to the valuation of men's estates, By meanes whereof some of the said Inhabitants doe pay very neere fower tymes as much as others whose livings ar equally valued with theirs. Sr Edward Rodney, Knight, and Paull Godwyn, D.D., will send for some sufficient Inhabitants of the said pishe of Evercreech and cause them to make an equall and indifferent rate for the gatheringe of monyes within the said parishe accordinge to the true valuacon of men's estates there as in the Discretions of the said Justices shall seeme convenient. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 34, 35.]

21. Ordered that it should be lawful for John Gould to build an house upon some part of the waste of the manor of Stone Easton soe as he Doth procure the goodwill and consent of the pishioners of the said parish and the lord of the said Mannor thereunto. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 36, 37, 38.]

22. The peticon of Thomas Flower of Farmeborowe of certaine diffens betweene the said Thomas Flower and William Varnham his late maister concerninge certaine wages which the said Flower allegeth to be deteyned from him by the said William Varnham: ffrancis Baber, Esqr., desired to settle the matter. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 54, 55, 56.]

23. Whereas Henry Seaman and Thomas Shattocke were bound over to this Sessions and uppon their appearance did offer to testifie and did affirme that the cause for which they were bound over was ended and the parties all agreed with, and for that it did after appeare that the parties who did prosecute against them were then with the Graund Jury to give evidence uppon a bill of indictment against them, whereuppon the said Seaman and Shattocke were att that tyme released in their absence, and the said bill of indictment beinge found by the Graund Jur: Ordered that John Symes, Esqr., wilbe pleased to send for the said parties, Seaman and Shattocke, and binde

them to this next Sessions att Ivelchester there to answer as well their contemptes to the Court as alsoe to the bill of Indictment.

24. Certaine differences had betweene the parishioners of St. Bennings in Glaston and the inhabitants of the parishe of Stretton concerninge the rates of grounds towards the releife of the poore referred unto Sir Ralphe Hopton and Sir Edward Rodney, Knights, Paul Godwyn, D.D., and Abraham Burrell, Esq., to make some ende betweene them if they can, if not to certifie their proceedings att the next Sessions. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 57, 58.]

25. The complaint made by the inhabitants of the parishe of Badminton of certaine abuses conceived to be committed by Richard Hushie their constable referred unto Sir Ferdinand Gorges, Knight, and William Capell, Esqr. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 59.]

26. Whereas there is a common highway lyeing betweene Glaston and Meare in the County aforesaid called the Ryse and beinge within the parishe of Glaston aforesaid which highway as is alleged is become founderous and very daungerous for passengers in regard it lyeth adiacent to the river and is commonly in the winter time overwhelmed with water and for that it is not certainly knowne to whome the repacoñ of the way doth belonge; It is therefore desired by the Court uppon the petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Meare aforesaid that Sir Edward Rodney, Knight, and Ralphe Barlowe, D.D., do cause the inhabitants of both the said parishes or some of them whome they shall thinke fit to appeare before them and that they would examine to whome in right the repacoñ of the said waye doth belonge, and to sett downe some order therein, and also to give some order for the suddaine repacoñ thereof, and that some posts may be fixed, and sett upp by the river's side to distinguish the river from the highway uppon high waters, and to certifie their order and proceedings therein att the next Generall Sessions of the peace for this county. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 60, 61.]

27. Petition of William Hackett of Mroome Sellwood therein shewing that he about two years last past was made one of

the waywardens of the parishe of ffroome duringe the time of which his office he disbursed the some of fforty shillings in repayringe of the butts within the said parishe by the perswasion of John Dobson then constable and other the inhabitants of ffroome Sellwood : Ordered that the inhabitants of the said parish of ffroome should forthwith upon sight of this order pay over unto the said Wiltm. Hackett twenty shillings. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 62.]

28. That one Reginald Aishford [who] was last settled in the parishe of Bayford and is of late come into the parishe of Wincanton and there married a poore weoman great with childe of which he was the reputed father and is yett remayninge with his wife in Wincanton aforesaid should be taken back with his wife and settled at Bayford in the parish of Stoke Trister. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 63.]

29. Order made for the maintenance of a child born in the parish of Higham. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 71.]

30. Order made for the relief of the parish of Cleuiedon concerning a child born there. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 72, 73.]

31. Order made for the relief of the parish of Mochelney touchinge a base childe called Mary there borne. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 74.]

32. Order made for the keeping and bringing up of a child born at Chesterblade in the parish of Evercreeche. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 75.]

33. Order made respecting a child born at Westbradley. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 76.]

34. Respecting a child born in the parish of Enborrowe. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 77.]

35. Respecting a child born in the parish of Chiselborowe. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 78.]

36. Respecting a child born in the parish of Backwell. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 79.]

37. The decision of Mr. Henley and Mr. Drake concerning the settlement of Kate Roberts and her child (see No. 45 of this Sessions). It appears from the evidence, given in full, that the miserable woman was hunted from parish to parish in three counties.

38. Whereas this Court is informed that an Irishman and his wife comeinge into the parish of Midsomer Norton, his wife beinge greate with childe and beginnyng there to fall into the paynes of her travell was notwithstanding conveyed with her husband vnto the parish of Chilcompton, where they remayninge by the space of five weekes, and she beinge there delivered of her childe were very chargeable vnto the said parish of Chilcompton: Order that the overseers of the poor of Midsomer Norton should pay to the overseers of the poor of Chilcompton twoe parts of three partes of the whole charge by them susteyned by receivinge and releivinge the said Irish people. And the said parish of Chilcompton to beare the other part of the said charge. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 47.]

39. Order made for the keeping of a woman child born in the parish of Kingsdon: And because Robte Sawly the father of the said Elizabeth [the mother] did by negligence or willfullnesse let the said reputed father Daniell Seamer to escape and gett away, by which meanes there is no reputed father to be seised vppon or seised towards the maintenance of the said bastard, we doe order that the said Robte Sawly shall give vnto his said daughter such maintenance as formerly he hath done, and shall continue the same as well for dyett and lodginge as other needfull maintenance vntill either the child be provided for as abovesaid or the said reputed father be apprehinded and brought in to answere the lawe in that behalf. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 46.]

[INFORMATIONS.]

40. Withm Hackett exhibited several informations against John Draper of ffrome sellwood weaver for the keepinge of unlawfull games in his house, Phillipp Allen of the same place, husbandman, for playing att unlawfull games, etc. 33 Hen. VIII.,



Mathew Hale of ffrome sellwood aforesaid, husbandman, for buyinge and sellinge of live cattle within five weekes, Thomas Myles of the same place, husbandman, for ingrossinge of Corne; 5 and 6 Edw. VI. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 80.]

41. John Hipposley of Burcott exhibited several informations vpon the breaches of the Statute made Anno 22<sup>o</sup> Jacobi Regs for extorcioñ in usury against theis severall psons followinge, etc., John Barker of Gascott within the parish of Wells, yeoman, and Ralphe Robbins of Wells aforesaid yeoman. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 81.]

42. Withm Knowman against John Carde of Wellington, etc., husbandman, Withm Coggan of the same place, yeoman, Cristofer Tayler of Taunton, husbandman, Withm Androwes of Somerton, husbandman, Gregory Loosemore of Langport, husbandman, for vsinge severall trades contrary to the forme of the Statute, 5 Elizabeth, Thomas Hannam of Langport aforesaid, husbandman, for buyinge of corne in the ground. And against Andrew Vergen of Nunney, husbandman, for ingrossinge of Malt, 5 and 6 Edward VI. [S.R., lxiii, iii, 82.]

43. Withm Knowman maketh oath that he had served with Subpenas Withm Page, Robte Meade, John Collens, Ralphe Ousley, Arthur Munday, Humfry Abell, and Henry Langham. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 1.]

44. Whereas the parish of St. Georges in the Hundred of Portbury haue peticoned this Court for some favor in their payments to the transportation of the Irishe because it was vsuall with the maisters that tooke them aboard when they sail Doowne into the road neere that place vpon any turninge of the winde before their deptime to sett the said Irish on shoare in or neere their parishe to the extraordinary charge and trouble of the said parish of St. Georges: Referred unto Sr Ferdinand Gorges, Sr Edward Rodney, Mr. Capell and Mr. Davies to ease the said parish abating part of their payment.

45. At the Assizes held at Chard the 3rd day of March 5 Charles (1629-30): Whereas there hath ben a difference betweene the Inhabitants of Broadwinsor and Crewkerne concerninge the setlinge of one Katherine Roberts and her base childe wherein Mr. Henly and Mr. Drake accordinge to an order of the last Assise haue taken great paynes and certified to the Judges of this Circuit how the case standeth. And the said Judges havinge had conference this last terme with their bretheren thother Judges of this Kingdome concerninge the setlinge of the said Katherine Roberts and her said childe doe now declare their opinions to be that the said Katherine Roberts might be sent to Crewkerne aforesaid there to be provided for, and the childe is to followe ther [*sic*] mother. And this Court doth nowe order that the parish of Crewkerne aforesaid shall receive the said Katherine Roberts and her base child and pvide for them, and the pishe of Broadwinsor is clearely discharged thereof by this Order.

Reg. p. Simonem Spawhurste,  
Cliem Assize.

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER  
the 6th, 7th, and 8th days of April, 6 Charles (1630), before  
Sir Robert Phelipps, Sir Henry Barkley, Sir John Horner,  
Knts., John Symes, John Harington, James Farewell,  
Thomas Lyte, John Harbyn, and Richard Coles, Esquires.

Att the Generall Sessions held at Wells the xijth Daie of  
Januarie [1629-30].

I present upon myne owne viewe that the Church pathe  
leading from my howse through the village of Preston Bowyer  
unto the Church of Milverton is verie fowle and dangerous for  
passengers by reason the Inhabitants there amend not their foot  
Causeys with stones, nor Raile or fence out the ffootpaths from  
treading and going of horses, Bullocks and other Cattle, which  
maie be easilie doone. And I also present that the Comon  
High waie through the said Village is daungerous and fowle for

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that the Inhabitants there make divers Pittes with Risings and excesive fallings downe, for their owne pticular proffitt to gett soile and dung in the highway contrarie to the lawe. And farther that the Church paths leading from ffoord Bridg to the said parish Church of Milverton, almost as farre upwards as the Vicarage howse within the Bourough of Milverton, is exceeding ill and dangerous, by meanes the Inhabitants neither fence nor Raile out the said footepaths from the treading of horses and Bullockes and the Inhabitants refuse and neglecte either to bringe gravell from the lymekills or mend the same w<sup>th</sup> making newe the Causeyes, which maie be doone at a small chardge, Gawen Malett.

## LICENSES GRANTED.

To Edith Doddington of Hilbishopps, widdowe, to be a badger of butter and cheese and to carry the same into the Counties of Wiltes, Hamsher, Dors<sup>tt</sup> and Devon, and to retourne againe laden with corne and to sell it againe in any faire or markt within this County during one whole yeare now next ensuing; and she is not to travell with above three horses, mares or geldings at the most part for performance whereof Mr. Symes is to take her recognizance, granted by John Horner, John Symes, John Harington.

To Thomas Rawlings of Lympsham to buy corne in the Counties of Wiltes and Somersett to sell the same againe in the Citty of Bristoll, Mr. Harington to take the recognizance. Ro. Phelipps, Pa. Godwyn.

To Anthony Banbury of Pitney to buy barly and oates, and the same to convert into Malt and to sell againe in any faire and to travell not with above twoe horses, geldings or mares, att the moste. Ro. Phelipps, He. Berkley, Pa. Godwyn, John Harington.

1. Sir John Horner, Knight, and Robte Hopton, Esq<sup>r</sup>., ar desired and appoynted to affewer the ffines and amerciaments of the County Court in the tyme of the Sheriffwicke of John Latche, Esq<sup>r</sup>., late High Sheriffe of the County of Somersett.

2. Whereas it appeareth unto us att this Sessions there is a greate bridge called Clapton Bridge part whereof is within this County and thother part in Dorsett which hath ben longe in decay, and for that it doth not appeare unto us who ought to repayre the same within this County ; And for that it is informed that all that part which lieth in the County of Dorsett is repayed by the generall charge of that County, It is therefore thought fitt and so ordered and desired by the Court that Sr George Speke, Sr Robte Phelipps, Knights, Arthure Pyne, William Walrond, Robte Henley, John Harbin, and James Rosse, Esqrs., or any fower of them to find out what place or hundred ought to repaire the said bridge within this County, or whether it be to be repayed by the County and to take such course for the speedy repayinge thereof. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 41.]

3. This Court takinge notice that notwithstandinge care hath ben had both for the lessninge of the number of Alehouses as also for the punishinge of such as have kept ill order in their houses yett that the number still increaseth and the disorders exceedingly are multiplied, hath therefore ordered that from henceforth noe man be allowed to keepe a tiplinge house but such as are capable thereof by the lawe both for their persons and the fitnessse and conveniency of their houses wherein they shall keepe tiplinge. And that every such person soe to be lycensed shall finde sufficient sureties and whereof one att the least a Subsidy man, whereby the penalty may be leyed to the King's Mats use if they shall transgresse therein which is conceived wilbe a very convenient way to suppress those that ar disorderly and unable men. and to make the rest the more carefull in observinge his mats. lawes in that case made, and that the recognizances in this case to be taken be xx<sup>li</sup> the principall and x<sup>li</sup> the sureties.

4. This Court takinge notice of the greate prises of corne and butter and cheese and all other Commodities, it was ordered that from henceforth noe badger whatsoever be lycensed but in open Sessions and shall first enter into Recognizance and be entered by the Clarke of the peace into his booke of Records. And alsoe that all Maulsters doe the like before any Justice doe signe and seale his lycence.

5. Licence to Mathew Roberts to build him an house within the manor of Moun-ton Combe. [Monkton Combe, S.R., lxiii, ii, 14, 15.]

6. Licence to George Budd, labourer, to erect and build him an house or cottage upon some part of the waste ground of the manor of Mells. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 16, 17.]

7. For that it appeareth vnto this Court that Richard Hixe and his wife were taken as vagrants within the parishe of Stowey and there whipped accordinge to the lawe in that case provided, and therevpon were sent by Passe vnto the parish of Clutton which was the place of their last aboade though not the place of their birth. Ordered that Hext should be sent to the parish of Stowey where he was born, with his wife. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 18.]

8. Ordered that William Sheppard should have noe benefitt of £4 ordered to be paid to him by ffrancis Culverhouse, of Greinton, Blacksmith, from whom his son had been released from his apprenticeship vnlesse he seale a release vnto the said Culverhouse concerning the hurts in question and vndertake that his said son shall doe the like. [See No. 7 previous Sessions. S.R., lxiii, ii, 19.]

9. Reference for Inquiry into the petition of the parishioners of Stowell respecting the settling of Vrsula Sheppard a covenant servant of Nicholas Morris of Ashcott who had been sent by her master and the rest of the inhabitants of Ashcott to Stowell. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 20, 21.]

10. The petition of one Richard Freharne of the parishe of Woolley within this County therein shewing that he hauinge within the said pishe for the space of Eleaven yeares last past payeinge his rent duty for his house unto his Landlord hath ben of late by his said Landlord notwithstandinge extreamely dealt withall and exacted uppon, whereby he is become insufficient to mainteyne his family and therefore hath desired this Court for some redresse herein. Order referring the same for examination unto John Harington, ffrancis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esqrs. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 22, 23.]

11. Whereas there haue been diverse amerçiaments estreated out of the generall Sessions of the peace holden for this county against the Inhabitants of Trent of a certaine waye within their said parishe and have ben levyed by the Sheriffe of the said County uppon some particular men of the said parishe who alsoe haue ben att the charge to discharge the record here, which this Court conceiveth unfitt that they should beare the whole burthen of the said amerçiaments and charges. Order made for making an indifferent rate throughout the whole parishe for the raysinge of the said amerçiaments. Those refusing to pay to be bound over by Sr Henry Berkeley, Knight, to the next Sessions there to answer their contempts herein. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 24.]

12. The appeal of John Popham, of Wedmore, against an order made upon him by the maior and justics of the City of Bristoll for the payment of sixteen pence a week towards the keeping of the child of Ellinor Brooke, born in the parish of St. Michell, Bristol, the mother having, it had been stated, liued loosely with others and hath named another father, referred to Sr Ralphe Hopton and Edward Rodney for examination. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 26.]

13. Order respecting Little Marston. *Vacat*, see No. 27 of this Sessions.

14. The matter of certaine differences and controversies betweene some of the Inhabitants of the parishe of Ileabbotts and the overseers of the poore there touchinge the reliefe and maintenance of a base childe borne within the said pishe of Ileabbotts again referred for examination unto Sr George Speke, Knight, William Walrond, Arthur Pyne and James Cuffe, Esqrs., little or nothing having been previously done by reason of the sicknesse and other impediments of the said gentlemen.

15. The petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Northover shewing that the whole charge of the repayringe of the highwayes within the said parishe, it being a thoroughfayre and travaillinge highway, is wholly left uppon the said parish beinge very poore and haue only one ploughe within the same which is alsoe att rack rent for the keepinge thereof, although there are

some very ſufficient men dwellers out of, yett neere the ſaid pariſhe, who haue a greate part of the grounds within the ſame and haue greate ploughes and uſeth ordinary carryags through the ſaid pariſhe to the greate annoyance of the ſaid highwayes and therefore deſired the Court for ſome redreſſe herein. Referred for examination unto Sr Robte Phelipps, Knight, Paull Godwyn, D.D., John Harbin, Thomas Lyte and James Roſſe, Eſqrs. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 29, 30.]

16. Certaine ſuits brought againſt John Erbury, Tythingman of Bruton, by Sidney Pomfrey an Inholder there, for that the ſaid Erbury beinge Tythingman carryed away the ſaid Pomfreys pott whereby he ſold his beare and ale not conteyninge a full ale quart accordinge to the Statute and other ſuits now dependinge betweene them which ar yett undetermined. It is therefore deſired by the Court that Sr Henry Berkeley, Knight, one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Juſties, wilbe pleaſed to ſend for the ſaid Erbury and Pomfrey and examine the ſame, and farther that he wilbe pleaſed to ſee twentie ſhillings may be levied uppon the ſaid Pomfrey by the Conſtable or Churchwardens of Bruton aforeſaid for ſellinge leſſ then an ale quart of his beſt beare for a penny whereof he was convicted att the laſt Sessions of the peace holden att Wells, for which the ſaid Conſtables and Churchwardens haue an Eſtreate out of the Court; And which ſaid twenty ſhillings the ſaid Pomfry in open Court pmised to haue payd ſoe ſoone as he came home, And that the ſaid Sr Henry Berkeley wilbe pleaſed to ende the ſaid ſuits if he may, etc. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 32.]

17. An order made by Sr Edward Rodney, Knight, and Witthm Capell, Eſqr., the 25th day of Marche, 1630, concerning a child born in the pariſh of Wedmore whoſe mother had run away. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 33.]

18. Order made on the 3rd day of April by Gerard Wood and Paull Godwyn, D.D., and twoe of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Juſtics of the peace, concerning a child born at Eaſt Wells in the pariſh of St. Cuthberts. The mother to be whipped at Wells about the market and the reputed father "we doe therefore leave him to the Judgment of the ordinary in that cauſe to deale with him as in his diſcrecon ſhall ſeeme meete." [S.R., lxiii, ii, 34.]

19. An order made by S<sup>r</sup> George Speke, Knight, and James Rosse, Esqr., for the relief of the parish of Whitelackington from a child called Agnes the daughter of Kenbury Reede. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 36, 39.]

20. Information by Richard Browse of Shepton Mallett against John Harneman of the same place, husbandman, for using the trade of a weaver contrary to the form of the Statute. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 53.]

21. Information by John Hipsley against Anthony Boultinge uppon the Statute of usury that he "did serve Ralph Robbins and John Barter with subp<sup>as</sup>." [S.R., lxiii, ii, 54.]

22. William Knowman against Robte. Hill of Taunton, genl., for sellinge beare to diverse persons unlycenced contrary to the forme of the Statute, etc. Against Cristofer Harvey of Hutton, husbandman, for shootinge in handguns, contrary. Richard Greene of Wells, husbandman, for ingrossinge of corne, contrary. John Hixe of Martock for shootinge in an handgun. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 55.]

23. Thomas Reede of Stoke Tristor against Wiltm Creese of Puddimore Milton, for an offence under 5 and 6 Edward VI. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 42, 56.]

24. Thomas Warrie that he had served with a Subpen. John Becke, Clement Caswell, Simon Lyde and John Hamblyn. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 58.]

25. Jeffery Brooman maketh oath, etc., against John Wills *als*. Towills of Broomfield, yeoman, and Wiltm. Saunders of Stockland, yeoman, for shootinge in handguns, contrary. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 57.]

26. Whereas this Cor<sup>t</sup> is informed by the peticon of the Portrive and burgesses and other Inhabitants of the towne and Burrowe of yevell that their said Towne is an auncient burrowe towne, and the Inhabitants of the same were ever free from payment of any composicon mony except such Inhabitants of the said Burrowe who haue meanes and livinge within the



hundred and out of the said Burrowe, and that of late diverse poore tradesmen and other Inhabitants of the said Burrowe hauinge nothinge but their Dwellinge houses in the same haue ben and ar constreyned and compelled to pay towards the said Composicon mony, and therefore haue desired this Court to referr the hearinge and orderinge of the same unto some of his Mats Justics of the peace nere to the said Towne of yevell, wherevnto this Court consentinge doth desire that Sr Robte Phelipps, Knt., Paule Godwyn, D.D., John Harbin, James Rosse and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. Justics of the peace, or any twoe of them wilbe pleased to send for such persons as the cause shall concerne before them and to examine the same, and to sett downe such order therein as they shall uppon examinacon thereof thinke fitt and to certifie the same att the next Sessions of the peace to be holden for this County. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 61.]

27. Whereas the Court is informed by the peticon of the Inhabitants of Broad merston that Little merston, lyeing within the tythinge of Broad merston and of the same hundred, doe refuse to pay such rates as they haue ben and ar taxed and rated unto, together with the said parish of Broad merston, towards the hospitalls and maymed souldiers which the said pishe of Broad merston haue alwayes payd; And therefore desired this Court for some redresse herein and that the occupiers of the parsonage of Broad merston (yt being an impropriation and of good value) might likewise pay their part to the same rates and taxes with the rest of the tythinge; Sr Robte Phelipps and Sr Henry Berkely, Knights, to settle the same or to certify their opinions therein at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 27, 28, 62.]

28. Whereas William Tucker the younger of Batcombe and Jane ffoxe of the same, standeth Indicted for the taking and conueyinge away of an Indenture whereby the said William Tucker was bound an Apprentice unto one Edward Lovell of Batcombe aforesaid for the space of seaven yeares, And whereas it is alleaged by Witm Tucker thelder, father of the said Witm Tucker that the time of the said Indenture is expired and there-uppon offered unto this Court to shew the Counter part of the

said Indenture, It is thereupon desired by the Court that Robte Hopton, Esqr., one of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Justics of the peace within this County wilbe pleased to send for the said Withm Tucker thelder to see the counterpart of the said Indenture whether the time of the said Indenture be expired or not and that he wilbe pleased to certifie the Court thereof.

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON, the 29th and 30th June and 1st July, 6 Charles (1630), before Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir Robert Phelipps, John Symes, John Harrington, Thomas Windham, Arthur Pyne, George Browne, Richard Davis, Robert Cuffe, George Poulett and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

Licence granted :

To Ann Sloper of Norton, widdowe, to buy weekly six quarters of barley and convert the same into mault and to sell the same againe in open fayre or markett according to the Statute. Jo. Horner, Jo. Symes, Johem Harington, Ric. Cole.

To Hugh Maunce *als.* Lokier of Beere Crocombe to buy weekly in open fayre and markett, and not by forestallinge, sixe quarters of barley dredge<sup>1</sup> and oats and to convert the same into malt accordinge to the Statute and to sell the same againe. The said lycence to continue for the space of one whole yeare. Johem Symes, Johem Harington, Arth. Pyne.

To Nicholas Teeke of Weare to buy butter and cheese within the County and to be a common badger, kiddier,<sup>2</sup> lader, carryer and transporter of butter and cheese and to sell the same againe in any open fayre or markett within the County of Devon, and to retourne thence loaden with pilcorne,<sup>3</sup> salt or some other commodities, and the same to sell againe in open fayre or markett within this County usinge this lycence according to the Statute made against regrators, forestallers and ingrossers and accordinge to the Justics order heretofore, not travellinge with above three

<sup>1</sup> Mixture of oats and barley sown together.

<sup>2</sup> The naked oat.

<sup>3</sup> Dealer.

horses, mares or geldings att the most, and the said lycence to continue for one whole yere. Ro: Phelipps, John Gill, Geo: Browne, John Harington.

1. Abraham Burrell, Esqr., chosen Treasurer of Hospitalls of the Wester Division and William Bassett, Esqr., chosen Treasurer of hospitalls of the Easter Division of the County, and Withm Every and Thomas Lyte, Esqrs., ar to take the accompt of the old Treasurers.

2. The petition of Robert Bugg of North Cheriton that there are certain differences now depending between him and Mary Wadman, of the same place, widow, concerning the unlawful departure of Thomas Wadman, his apprentice, and son of the said Mary Wadman, referred to Sr Henry Berkely, Knight, and James ffarewell, Esqr. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 66, 67.]

3. Petition of Mr. Richard Cogan, vicar of the parishe of Othery, that Mr. Henry Pyke, his predecessor, in his life tyme gave the sum of tenn pounds to the only use and releife of one John Coxe of the said parishe, his wife and children, and that he the said Mr. Coggan had ever since kept the said mony in his custody undeminshed, allowinge vnto the said Coxe the interest thereof, And that the said Cox falinge sicke and in greate extremity the said Mr. Cogan gave unto him for his better releife xl<sup>sh</sup>. of the principall by order from Mr. Jennings then one of his Mats. Justics of the peace within this County, And that not longe after the said Cox's wife complayninge unto Mr. Rogers and Mr. Cuffe of her greate neede, the said Mr. Cogan was likewise ordered by them to pay unto the said Cox's wife xl<sup>sh</sup>. more of the said tenn pounds ; Notwithstandinge certaine differences are like to arise betweene the said Mr. Cogan and the overseers of the poore of the said parishe of Othery concerninge the same, the said overseers thretninge to putt the said Mr. Cogan's band in suite for the whole tenn pounds. Referred for examination unto George Poulett, Robte Cuffe, Abraham Burrell and Withm Bull, Esquires. to set down such order as they shall think fit. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 68, 69.]

4. The petition of Nicholas Kyste of the parish of Oke for the relief of his daughter and her child the reputed father one Peter Chappell of Oke having been conveyed away by John Chappell, Emanuel Chappell and Wittm Chappell his bretheren the said Peter Chappell having the some of fower score pounds, remayninge in their custody ; to be settled by Sr John Stowell, Knight, or to bind the said Chappells to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 70, 71.]

5. Whereas the Inhabitants of the parishe of Enmore have by way of peticoñ informed this Court that one Thomas Oliver *als.* Walton havinge lived in Taunton by the space of twenty yeares or thereabouts, and now growinge into yeares and poverty is come into their said parishe where he was borne, unto a sonne of his who is noe way able to releiue him, And therefore besought this Court for some redresse herein ; George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esqrs, desired to examine the same and to take such course for the settling and relievinge of the said Oliver as to them shall seeme fittest accordinge to lawe. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 72, 73.]

6. Richard Phillips of Mells upon his petition subscribed with the hands of Sr John Horner, Knight, Lord of the Mannor there and the most part of the inhabitants of the said pishe of Mells, to erect and build him an house or cottage uppon some part of the said Mannor. Notwithstandinge there be nott fower acres of ground layd therevnto according to the statute. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 74, 75, 76.]

7. The overseers of the poor of the parish of Castle Cary not having complied with the terms of an order made at the Wells Sessions in the year 1628 that they should place forth twoe of the children of one Edward Gibson a poore impotent person of the said parishe or pay him twelve pence weekly towards their better releife and maintenance but had done neither the one or the other the same was referred unto Sr Ralph Hopton and Sr Henry Berkeley, Knights, to see the order carried into effect, on refusal to bind them to the next Sessions to answer their contempts herein. [S.R., lxiii, ii, 77 ; i, 1.]

8. Whereas Jane Astyn of the parish of Kingsdon have petitioned this Court shewing that she was borne and for the most part brought upp there untill she went into the County of Dorsett to service where she served about seaven yeares, and afterwards married with one Richard Asten and went into Ireland with him where she hath lived for the space of twelve yeares and now retourned unto the said parish of Kingsdon there to settle herself where she is molested that she cannot live in quiett; Paull Godwyn, D.D., and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>r</sup>, desired to take order for her setlinge if it shall appeare to them to be accordinge to lawe and justice in as much as it [the Court] is informed that the said Jane Astyn hath been settled att Kingsdon aforesaid ever since Christmas last. [S.R., lxiii, i, 2, 3.]

9. Whereas att Wells Sessions *tercio Caroli Regs* one Henry Dent of Priors Stanton obteyned an order by misinformacofi to the Court for erectinge of a cottage uppon some part of the waste ground of the Mannor of Pryors Stanton aforesaid; It is therefore nowe ordered that the said order then graunted be utterly voyd in all poynts, and of none effect, and that the Clarke of the peace doe forthwith cancell or deface the same order in his booke and that if the said Henry Dent shall proceede any further in the erectinge the said Cottage, that then uppon complaynt made to the next Justice of the peace, the said Henry Dent is to be bound to the next Sessions where the Inhabitants of Pryors Stanton aforesaid may indict him accordinge to the Statute if they liste. [S.R., lxiii, i, 4, 5, 6.]

10. Order on appeal confirming an order made by S<sup>r</sup> Henry Berkely and James ffarewell, Esq<sup>r</sup> for the payment of 12*d.* weekly by John Caddy of Hollwall towards the relief of a child whose parents he had allowed to go away having then a warrant against them both to apprehend, and for that he the said Caddy was suspected to have lived incontinently with the mother, the order to continue until the supposed parents "shalbe brought forth." If he should refuse to perform the order Caddy was to be committed to Ivelchester gaol there to remain until he should perform the same. [S.R., lxiii, i, 7, 50.]

11. Whereas Samuell Whetcombe of Taunton by the direccons of some Justics of the peace of this County and the appoyntment of the Clothiers in generall was heretofore appoynted to attend the Lords of his Maties honorable Privy Councell and other his Mats Commissioners concerninge the decay of cloathing which was by vertue of a Comission directed to the Sheriffe and Justics of this County for the tyme beinge under his Mat<sup>s</sup> greate seale and was promised to have his charges borne for followinge the same, which service he performed to his greate charge of which he is yett unsatisfied as appeareth unto us at this Sessions, It is therefore thought fitt and soe ordered that the said Samuell Whetcombe shalbe payd of the same, for the payment whereof it is desired that the Justices of the peace within their severall Divisions wilbe pleased to send for such clothiers as are dwelling within their severall Divisions and perswade them to pay a reasonable pporcon towards the same and what they can procure this way to bringe in and pay unto the said Samuell Whetcombe att the next Assiss or the next Sessions of the peace. [S.R., lxiii, i, 8 ; *Som. Rec. Soc.*, xxiii, 316.]

12. Whereas Samuell Whetcombe of Taunton by the direccons of some Justics of peace heretofore attended the Lords of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> honorable privy Councell at his owne costs and charges concerninge the Decaye of cloathing and hath made suite unto this Court for some ease towards his expenses therein. It is att this present Sessions of the peace ordered that the said Samuell Whetcombe shall have the sum of tenn pounds payd unto him by the Treasurer of the hospitalls of the wester Division of this County, whereof five pounds to be paid vnto him att the present Sessions uppon sight of this order and five pounds the remaynder this time twelve moneths by the Treasurer of the same Division. [S.R., lxiii, i, 9.]

13. John Hoble, a poore man of the parishe of fifehead, upon his humble petition desiringe some reliefe towards his necessity and wants ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Hospitals fferty shillings. [S.R., lxiii, i, 10.]

14. 10*li.* which had been ordered to be paid at the General Sessions at Ivelchester 4th Charles unto Paull Godwyn, D.D.,

John Harbin, and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, towards the reparation of the Gaol and which had not been paid again ordered to be paid over equally unto the said gentlemen. [S.R., lxiii, i, 11.]

15. Fifty pounds to be raised by a County rate and the money arising therefrom to be paid unto Rice Davies and Richard Cole, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to be by them imployed for and towards the transportinge of a greate number of Irish people from the parishe of Portshedd accordinge to the lawe in this case made and pvided. [S.R., lxiii, i, 12.]

16. Ordered that the order made at the Wells Sessions Anno 10th James I., that Edward Allen in regard of his good service done and his hurts and maymes receiued in the warrs should haue the yearely pension of twenty pounds, "shall stand and be in force accordinge to the true intent and meaninge thereof." [S.R., lxiii, i, 13.]

17. Order made that Witcombe, a tithing in the parish of Chewton, should from thenceforth be contributory with the rest of the said pish of Chewton in all payments to the poore. [S.R., lxiii, i, 14.]

18. Sir John Stowell and Sir John Gyll, Knights, Thomas Windham, John Symes, William ffraunceis, Thomas Brereton, Wifm Every and Thomas Luttrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any fower of them to send unto the Constables of such hundreds as are behind in their payments, etc. towards the reparation of New Bridge between the towns of Dunster and Porlock at a cost of 60*li*. by virtue of an Order made at the Ivelchester Sessions 4th Charles. [S.R., lxiii, i, 15, 18.]

19. Whereas this Court is informed that one Nathaniell Tayler att the last Sessions of the peace holden att Wells for this County gave evidence against James Bisse, Peter Gregory, Richard Hoskins and Edward Sands on his Mats. behalfe, since which tyme one Agnes Parles of Chilcompton haue not only layde in wayte for the said Tayler to beate him but haue indeuored with Bridgett Werrett his mother alsoe to beate him thereby to inforce him to denye his words that he gaue in evidence att the said Sessions against them ; and thereuppon

the said Bridgett Werrett Did extreamely beate the said Tayler : Referred vnto Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir John Horner, Knights, Robert Hopton and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to examine the same and if they see cause to bind the said Agnes Parles to the next Sessions. [*S.R.*, lxiii, i, 16, 17.]

20. Whereas there haue ben diverse orders made att the generall Sessions of the peace holden for this County for the raysinge and levyinge of moneys to be imployed for the repacons of Tone bridge within this County. And for that this Court is informed that Diverse Constables haue ben remisse and negligent in execucon of the said warrants whereby the said moneys ar not yett brought in,—Again ordered that the Constables of such hundreds as ar behinde in their payments should forthwith, levy, collect and pay the same to the collectors. If they should refuse, to be bound over to the next Sessions to answer their contempt.

21. Petition of Henry Seaman shewinge that he standeth Indicted at this Sessions for speakinge of certaine wordes against these persons, Willm Bartholomew and Agnes the wife of Nicholas Sayer, which he hopeth substantially to prove. And therefore desired this Court to refer the examinacoon thereof vnto some of his Mats Justics of the peace within this County. John Symes and Thomas Brereton, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to inquire into the matter. [*S.R.*, lxiii, i, 19, 20.]

22. Petition of Tobie Raindell [Rayndell in the margin] shewinge that he served eight yeares as an apprentice, and ever since lived in the parishe of Kingston within the said County, and he of late havinge rented an house there of one Thomas Cripps for a terme not yett expired yett Thomas Hutchens and some others of the said parishe not only disturbe him in inioyinge the same but alsoe discourage others to lett him any other house and as much as they may insist against his abydinge there. And therefore prayed the Assistance of this Court touchinge the premisses. William Walrond and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to call the said parties before them and take such order for the petitioners relief, and any one refractory to the order to be bound over to the Sessions. [*S.R.*, lxiii, i, 21.]



23. John Purchisse of Wellowe upon the certificate of the inhabitants of Wellowe and Sir Edward Hungerford, Knight, the Lord of the Manor, to build himself a house upon the waste of that manor. [S.R., lxiii, i, 22, 23.]

24. The question of certaine differences betweene the Inhabitants of the Towne and Burrowe of Yevell and the hundred of Stone, touchinge the payment of composico<sup>n</sup> mony, adjourned. [See preceding Sessions.]

25. Ordered that Robert Kingston, gent., one of the Constables of the fower western tythings within the hundred of Kingsbury shalbe discharged from his said office of Constableship, and John ffursey of Wellington, in the said County, is elected and chosen Constable in his roome, who is to repayre unto the next Justice of peace to haue his oath administered unto him for the execution of his said office.

26. Order made the 26th day of June, 1630, by Paull Godwyn, D.D., Willm Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., for the relief and maintenance of a child born at Stowell. [S.R., lxiii, i, 24.]

27. Order made the 16th of June, 1630, by Paull Godwyn, D.D., and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>r</sup>., for relieving and keeping a child born in the parish of Somerton. [S.R., lxiii, i, 25.]

28. Order made the 20th day of June, 1630, by Paull Godwyn, D.D., William Bull, and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., for the keeping etc., of a child born in the parish of Huntspill. [S.R., lxiii, i, 26.]

29. Order made the 17th day of May, 1630, by ffrauncis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., towards the relief and maintence of a child born at Chew. [S.R., lxiii, i, 28.]

30. Order made the 28th day June, 1630, by Paull Godwyn, D.D., and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>r</sup>., for the relief of a child born in the parish of Yevelton. [S.R., lxiii, i, 29.]

31. Order made the 14th day of November last, 1630, by Sir Henry Berkeley, Knight, and James ffarewell, Esq<sup>r</sup>., towards the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Hollwall. [S.R., lxiii, i, 30.]

32. Order made the 30th day of June, 1630, by Paule Godwyn, D.D., Abraham Burrell and Wilm Bull, Esqrs., for the maintence of a base man child born in the parish of Weston—father described as “servant hinde.” [S.R., lxiii, i, 31.]

33. Order made the 26th day of May, 1630, by Sr John Stawell, Knight, and Wilm ffraunceis, Esqr., touchinge and concerninge a child born at West Bagborough. [S.R., lxiii, i, 32.]

[INFORMATIONS.]

34. William Knowman maketh oath, etc., Against George Palmer of Taunton St. James, husbandman, for usinge the trade of a Baker contrary, etc., Henry Poole of Haydon, yeoman, Johan Randoll of Riston, Spinster, George Cox of Gregoristoke, husband. for ingrossinge of corne and butter contrary, etc., against the Inhabitants of Ivelchester, for sufferinge their butts to be in decay by the space of nyne moneths contrary. [S.R., lxiii, i, 33.]

35. Thomas Reede maketh oath that he hath with a subpen. served Willm Creese. [S.R., lxiii, i, 34.]

36. Ordered that the Justices of the peace will send for the Constables of those hundreds which are behind in their payments in raising and levying of the 200 *li.* to be paid to the Constable of Minehead, for transportinge of a greate number of Irish people from the said Port.

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER<sup>1</sup>  
the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th days of September,  
6 Charles (1630), before Sir Edward Powell, Baronet, Sir  
Ralph Hopton, Sir John Stawell, Sir Edward Rodney,  
Knights, Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wales, John Harrington,  
John Symes, George Browne, Robert Cuffe, George Powlett,  
Richard Davies, Richard Cole, Abraham Burrell and William  
Bull, Esquires.

<sup>1</sup> The Roll is deficient for this Sessions.

James Bisse, Esq., chosen Treasurer of the "maymed souldiers" for the year, and Rice Davies and Abraham Burrell, Esqrs., to take the Accompt of the old Treasurer.

1. Anstice Pyle of Halse, to be freed from Christofer Harris her apprentice. [S.R., xliii, i, 82.]

2. Whereas there haue ben heretofore severall presentments against the fower Townes of East Brent, South Brent, Berrowe and Limpsham by the prosecucoñ of the Inhabitants of Marke for not repayringe of a bridge called Marke bridge and the Difference touchinge the repayracon thereof is betweene the Lords and Inhabitants of the said fower townes and the Lords and Inhabitants of Marke which (as is informed will come to tryall att the next Assiss for this County, It is now ordered that the said bridge shalbe before Allhalloutyde next repayed att the equall costs and chargs of all the Lords of the said fower townes and of Marke. [S.R., xxiii, 354.]

3. Petition of Alice Kittoe of North Cadbury shewing that she beinge possessed of one Messuage or Tenemt. in North Cadbury aforesaid and of diverse parcells of errable and pasture grounds thereunto belonginge, certaine resolute and disorderly psons riotously and unlawfully entred uppon her said grounds, and did cut and carry away the corne thereuppon standinge to her greate impofishment : Sr Henry Berkely, Knight, to examine the same and to set down an order for her relief.

4. Certaine differences betweene William Frenche and Alice his wife concerninge the releife and maintenance of the said Alice, she beinge an aged and impotent weoman : Robte Henley, William Walrond, and James Rosse to set down an order for the relief and maintenance of the said Alice.

5. Whereas this Court is informed by the peticoñ of Daniell Hodges and Thomas Parrett of Somerton in the said County, of certayne grievances committed by the malsters badgers and millers in the markett of Somerton aforesaid, the number of them

and the quantity of wheat and barley by them bought in the said marketts beinge soe greate that by meanes thereof they cannot gett corne to relieve themselues and their families: Referred for examination unto Sr Robte Phelipps and Mr. Lyte.

6. The difference between the parishes of Nunny and Mells touchinge the setlinge of one Thomasine Stacy, a lame impotent pson, referred to Sir John Horner, Knight, and Robte Hopton, Esqr, to hear and determine if they can, or els certifie their opinions att the next Sessions.

7. Sr John Stawell, Knight, John Symes, George Browne, and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, shall, of the yearely somes collected within the County and of the pencons that ar payd, sett downe the best course how the muster masters pay may be with most conveniencye payd and to certifie their opinions att the next Sessions.

8. The differences between the inhabitants of the Towne and Burrowe of yevell and the hundred of Stone touchinge the payment of composico<sup>n</sup> mony again referred for settlement.

9. Order made the 17th day of June, 1630, by Sr Henry Berkely, Knight, and James ffarewell, Esqr, for the keeping and bringing up of a child born in the parish of Holton.

10. Order made the 17th day of August, 1630, by Sr Robte Phelipps, Knight, and John Harbin, Esqr, for the relief of a child born in the parish of Preston.

11. Order made 23rd of June, 1630, by Paull Godwyn, D.D., and Thomas Lyte, Esqr., for the relief and keeping of a child born in the parish of Langport. "In consideraco<sup>n</sup> that the said Edward Dyar is lately bound an apprentice for 5 yeares and respectinge the poverty and inability of his mother from whome the charge must come towards the sustentaco<sup>n</sup> of the said childe we thinke sixe yeares a sufficient tyme for the said weekly payment for the discharge of the pish as aforesaid." Weekly "the some of sixe pence of current English mony."

12. Order made the 16th day of August, 1630, by Paull Godwyn, D.D. and Thomas Lyte, Esqr, for the keeping of a child born in the parish of Baltonsborow.

## [INFORMATIONS.]

13. Jeffery Brooman against Anthony Birkins of Bridgwater, sopemaker, Henry Burnard of Longe sutton, husbandman, John Davies, Jun. of Bridgwater, Thomas Harman of Langport, Robte Tanton of Cannyngham, Marmaduke Hurman of Langport, Thomas Glasse of Bridgwater, Wifm Hobbs of Charleton mackerell, Jacob Androwes of Bridgwater, Robte Quirke thelder and John Baker, Mynehead, William Lewse and Thomas Coggan of watchett, Gyles Baker of Quantoxhead, John Clitsom of Durborowe within the parish of Stogursey, Nicholas Kilton, John Fugars of mynehead, and Wifm Francis of Bridgwater under 5 and 6 Edward VI. Noye Biecombe of Netherstowey in the said County, husband., George Biecombe of Netherstowey aforesaid, Hugh Riche of Overstowey, John Bacon of watchett, John Band of mynehead, against 5th Elizabeth, Henry Timewell of Taunton, Feltmaker, against James Henry Brodbear of Taunton, against 5 Elizabeth, Edward Gibbes of Netherstowey and Robte whippie of Walton against 5th Edw. VI.

14. Jeffery Brooman under 5th and 6th Edward VI. against John Patite of Bridgwater, John Wadlinge *als.* Wadman of Otterhampton, Julian Stone of Bridgwater, Wifm Godbere of the same, John Carter of Dunster, Arthure Kinge of Pensford, Richard Light of the same, William Longe of the same, William Jackett of Butley and Valentine Clapp of the same, Wifm Grunfeild of Chard under 5 Elizabeth, 5 Edward VI.

15. Informations by Richard Granger.

16. Information by Thomas Warrie.

17. Ditto.

18. Informations by Wifm Knowman.

19. Informations by Alexander Lane *als.* Edwards.

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS, the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th days of January, 6 Charles (1630-1), before Robert (Wright) Bishop of Bristol, Walter (Curl) Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir Ferdinando Gorge, Sir Francis Popham, Sir John Horner, Sir Henry Berkley, Sir Edward Rodney, Knights, Ralph Barlow, Dean of Wells, Gerard Wood, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., Robert Hopton, John Harrington, William Capell, James Farewell, Anthony Stocker, John Farwell, Rice Davis, James Rosse, Richard Cole, Abraham Burrell William Bull, and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

1. It is ordered that the Towne of Bridgwater with Haygrove shall, on sight of this order, paye for this present tyme unto Richard Colle, Esq., the third pte of all payments within the Hundred of Northpetherton for and concerninge the transportinge of Irishe Rouges into Ireland, and that this order shall not be any way prejudiall to the same Towne of Bridgwater or leadinge order for the payment of any future or other Rates to be imposed on the said Towne with Haygrove. And this Courte doth desire Sr William Portman, Baronett, Sr John Stowell, Knight, Paule Godwyn, D.D., Thomas Brereton, William Bull, and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to call before them as well the inhabitants of the said Towne of Bridgwater with Haygrove as the inhabitants of the Hundred of Northpetherton, and to sett downe an indifferent rate what the said Towne shall paye in all payments w<sup>th</sup> the said hundred. [S.R., lxv, i, 56.]

2. Whereas there hath byn complaynt made at this Sessions that there are many Alehouses in the Easter Division of this County and especially in the Townes of Chew, Chewton, Pensford, and Keynsham, where there are Innes sufficient to give Interteynement; it is therefor ordered that all the Alehowses within the said Townes and other places there neere adioyninge be from henceforth suppressed. And, further, yt is desired that Sir Ralph Hopton, Sir ffrancis Popham, Sir Edward Rodney, ffrancis Baber, William Capell, and Antony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any three of them, wilbe pleased to send for the parties complayninge, and the tiplers within the said Townes, and examine the disorders

and complaynts there, and to take course accordinge as they shall finde the same and thereuppon to lycense or dysmissee all, or as many as they shall thinke fytt. [*S.R.*, lxv, i, 51.]

3. Whereas yt is certefyed at this Sessions unto the Courte that the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Powlett doth intend to erecte and sett upp a Howse in the Towne of Crewkerne within this County to continue for a howse of Correccion, and to sett poore people on worke, and procure a Stocke for the same, vnto which the Justices of peace here assembled doe give their full consent and best approbacon.

4. Lyonell Wills havinge peticoned this Courte showinge that whereas he hath remayned in the parishe of Tintenhull for the space of ffive yeares now last past, three yeres whereof he served as a laboringe servant, and the two last yeares as a married man, although not with the consent of some of the pishe, and duringe the said two latter yeares after he became a married man he indeavored to take a howse within the said parishe for his mony without any charge to the said parishe. And some of the said pishe hath forbidden him to remayne there any longer, and thretenth him and those that would sett or lett him any house to impose grete paynes on them shall reserve him or let him any house whereby he is inforced to travell from place to place with his wyfe and children, and thereby doubteth that he shall in thend bee taken as a vagarant ; which, the Courte takinge into consideracon, haue thought fytt to order that the said Lionell Wills be settled at Tintenhull, as they conceyveth by lawe he ought to bee, if his peticon be true. And that the said pishioners vppon sight of this order doe there receve him, and suffer him to bee and abide untill they shall shoue good cause to the contrary to this Court. And that they doe suffer him to take a house for his monye within the said pishe which, if they shall refuse to doe or impose any fines or paynes uppon those that shall sett or lett any house unto him, or shalbe willinge thereunto that then uppon complaynte thereof made unto Sr Robte Phelipps, Knight, or Thomas Lyte, Esqr, or either of them, they finding his peticon to be true wilbe plesed to binde all such parties to the next Sessions as shall refuse thus to receve him or to troble any that shall lett sett them a house to dwell in. [*S.R.*, lxv, ii, 26.]

5. Whereas the inhabitants of the Tythinge of Muncksilver have peticoned this Court therein shewing that one Robte Brewer sometimes of Thorne ffawcon in the County of Somers<sup>t</sup> a man of very lewde lyfe and conversacon hath for the space of halfe a yere now last past lived in a house neere adioyninge to the said pishe and tythinge of Muncksilver which standeth in the tythinge of Bicknaller by the space of two myles or more in which he hath kept and as yet dothe keepe a common tiplinge house and as they verily beelive without licence wherein he not only keepeth much disorders but harboreth strangers and diverse lewde and dangerous psons whereby they are often times in grete perill both of their lives and estats, the said Brewer menacinge and thretninge all his ma<sup>ts</sup> officers within the said pishe of Muncksilver who offer to suppress such disorders dayly comitted in his said house. Order referring the matter to the Justices of the peace of that Division or any two of them. [S.R., lxv, ii, 41, 42.]

6. Whereas this Courte is informed by the peticon of francis Wilkins and Mary his wyfe that whereas the said Mary beinge a widdowe contracted with one John Rogers of Spargrove, Clothier, to place her sonne Edward Hicks with him an apprentice and was to give with him tenn pounds, and that the said Rogers havinge gotten the said tenn poundes into his hands and havinge kept the said Edward Hicks as his apprentice a yere and halfe, And then beinge pressed to seale his Indentures he utterly refused to seale the same unlesse he might gayne all the time that he had served before, but used the said Edward Hicks in very extreeme manner, and so putt him away from his service. S<sup>r</sup> Ralph Hopton, kt., and Robte Hopton, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to inquire into and settle matter. [S.R., lxv, ii, 5, 14, 32.]

7. Uppon the peticon of the inhabitants of Somerton therein showinge that whereas about twenty yeres yt was ordered by this Courte that the parishes of Aller, Sutton, Kingsdon and Evelton should paye yerely towards the releife of the poore of Somerton aforesaid the some of iij<sup>li</sup> in regard of the grete number of poore people there, and that since that time the number of poore people arr three times as many as were then, besids twelve



poore fatherlesse children who have all their maytenance from the towne many of which said poore children were sent unto the Towne by the inhabitants of Bab Cary and Evelton by cunninge meanes and devises as it is alleaged in the said peticon. And that diverse of the poore people arr come from other places to dwell in the said Towne by reason of the grete number of Cottages built about the said Towne, and that notwithstandinge the inhabitants there have rayased theire booke of the poore xx*l*. yerely soe that theire whole booke is nowe xl*l*. yerely or thereabouts out of which the gretest share to the blinde and impotent is but v*jd*. weekely which together with their dayly almes is scarce sufficient to preserve them alive in this time of dearth; and therefor desired that they might have some compitent releife from the said parishes of Bab Cary and Evelton in respecte of the poore soe put uppon them, and that they might allsoe have some assistance from the parishes within the Hundred of Somerton for the releif of their said poore. Sr Robte Philipps, kt., Mr. Doctor Godwyn, and Tho. Lyte, Esqr, to examine the "certanty" of the petition and to take such speedy course for their relief or otherwise to certify their opinions at the next Sessions "whereby this Courte may proceed further for their releife if their be cause." [S.R., lxxv, ii, 15, 30.]

8. An order for the sustenance of a child born in the parish of Bedminster made by Rice Davies, Richard Cole. [S.R., lxxv ii, 36.]

9. An order made against two men for conveying away the father of a base man child born in the parish of Aishott. Signed by George Pawlett and Robte Cuffe. [S.R., lxxv, ii, 37.]

10. An order made at Watchett 2nd November, 1630, for the relief of a child born in the parish of Upton. (Signed) Jo. Wyndham, Tho. Wyndham. [S.R., lxi, ii, 38, 39.]

11. An order made 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1630, for the relief and maintenance of a child born at Combfflorie. (Signed) Jo. Stawell, Willus ffranceis. [S.R., lxi, ii, 40.]

12. An order made by George Pawlett and Robte Cuffe, Esqrs. "towards the necessary releife and maintenance" of a

child named Barbara born in the parish of Stogursey—9 Dec., 1630. [S.R., lxv, ii, 46, 47.]

13. The overseers of the parish of Othery not having obeyed a former order made as between themselves and Richard Coggen "Clic." Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esqrs, were once more desired to make an order therein and to bind such persons as they should find "refrectory" to the next Sessions "if they shall thinke fytt." [S.R., lxv, ii, 34, 69.]

14. The petition of the inhabitants of the tithing of Stone-ton that one William Heysley [Hippesley in the margin] hauinge a tenement within the tything aforesaide in value xx<sup>li</sup> *p. Ann.* and refuseth to paye his tithing Rate w<sup>ch</sup> formerly hee hath bin rated vnto, William Cappell, and Antony Stocker, Esqrs, to make an order therein and to certify the same at the next General Quarter Sessions. [S.R., lxv, ii, 17, 62.]

15. Uppon Complaint made at this Sessions that a certaine bridge within the hundred of Kainsham called Cookes bridge is very much in decaie; that yt cannot appeare who ought to repaire the same bridge, Sir ffrancis Popham, Sir John Horner, Knights, ffrancis Baber, John Harrington, Williã Capell, Anthony Stocker, Esqrs., are desired to send for all such parties as they shall think fit and "examine the ðtaintie soe farr as they can, and to take such further course for the speedie repairinge thereof as the Lawe requireth." [S.R., lxv, ii, 63.]

16. An order made by S<sup>r</sup> Edward Rodney, Kt., and Williã Capell, Esqr, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, 1630, concerning a child born in the parish of Lockinge. [S.R., lxv, ii, 19.]

17. An order made by Rice Davies and Richard Cole, Esqrs, concerning a child born at Windford—Dated 16<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 1630. [S.R., lxv, ii, 22.]

18. Forasmuch as yt appeareth unto this Court by the Inhabitants of Staunton Drew that a certaine bridge called Staunton bridge is now in decay, halfe whereof lyeth in Chew magna and tother in the parish of Stanton Drew which sayd

bridge to bee repaired by the Inhabitants of both pishes equally as is alleaged ; the sayd Inhabitants of Chew magna refusinge to pay any Charge towards the repaçon of the sayd bridge : yt is therefore now ordered by this Court that the Inhabitants of Chew magna shall repaire the moity of the sayd bridge except they doe traverse the presentment of Record now in Court at the next Generall Sessions of the Peace to bee holden for this Countie and there shew cause why they should not repaire the same. [S.R., lxv, ii, 29 ; i, 37, 38 ; lxvi, 6.]

19. Informations exhibited by Richard Granger. [S.R., lxv, ii, 12, 13.]

20. By Thomas Warry against fourteen clothiers for vsinge of tentors and strayingne of Cloath contrary to the forme of the statute. Some cases for "ingrossinge corne." [S.R., lxv, ii, 11.]

21. Jeffry Brooman now maketh oath, etc. [S.R., lxv, ii, 10.]

22. John Derham now maketh oath, etc. [S.R., lxv, ii, 9.]

23. Richard Walford now maketh oath that he had received and served subpœnas. [S.R., lxv, ii, 8.]

24. Willm Knowman now maketh oath with informations against several persons for "shootinge in a hangunn," "George Gilbert Baltonsbury, husband., for buyinge corne on the grounde," and several others for the like offence. [S.R., lxv, ii, 7.]

25. Willā Hackett now maketh oath, etc. [offenders for ingrossing coin and malt.] [S.R., lxv, ii, 6.]

26. The petition of Nicholas Edwards of Lamyatt respected the rates, "alledginge himselfe to be unequally rated," etc. The matter between him and the overseers referred to two Justices. [S.R., lxv, ii, 52 ; i, 58.]

27. Whereas Thomas Wathall sometymes Curate of Chew is growne impotent through age, not able to officiat the sayd Cure, wee the Justices of peace assembled at this present Sessions doe order that the sayd Mr. Wathall (wantinge maintenance and

not able to releuee himselfe) be releued by the parishoners in generall of the parish of Chew aforesayd by equall rates and that Mr ffavian [Fabian in "Somerset Incumbents"] true vicar of Chew shallbe accordingly by the overseers of the poore rated as his predecessor Doctor Baber hath binn heretofore and noe more, unlesse the sayd Inhabitants shall raise themselues in the sayd rate towards the sayd poore that then the sayd Mr ffavian to bee raised accordingly to the proporcon of thother his piconers. [S.R., lxxv, ii, 49.]

28. At this Sessions yt is ordered (in regard of the Dearth or graine and Corne and of the Daily and greate abuses in Alehouses and the extraordinary quantity of Corne that is spent in those places), that all Alehouses whatsoever w<sup>h</sup>in this Countie bee suppressed, other then where there is a great thoroughfare and that in such parishes as the Justices in the Devicon shall thinke fitt for necessarie releefe of travellers and poore people and to be Distant from place to place at the lease five myles uppon the rode waie. And that in any markett townes there bee not above two or three at the most allowed where there bee not Inns sufficient to give entertainment to passengers. And those places that are thus and in such places to be allowed to bee lycensed by the Justics of the peace in every Devicon. And that the sayd Justics shall certifie at the next Sessions what alehouses they have lycensed in their Devisions. And a copy of this order bee forthw<sup>th</sup> sent into every Devision w<sup>h</sup>in the Countie to one of the Justices there. [S.R., lxxv, i, 52.]

Walter Bathof<sup>n</sup> et Wellen, Edward Rodney, Ralph Hopton,  
Hen. Berkeley, Robt. Hopton, Paule Godwyn, Abraham  
Burrell, Willm Bull, Willm Capell, Jo. Horner, Rice  
Davies, Ja. Rosse, Rich. Cole, Tho. Lyte.

29. Ordered that it should be lawful for John Hurman to erect a howse or Cottage for habitation upon some part of the waste ground of the manor of Barrington, "although there bee not fower acres of land laide therevnto," with the consent of the inhabitants of Barrington, of the Lord of the Manor Sir Willm Ogle, and the Overseers of the poor. [S.R., lxxv, i, 54, 55.]

30. Ordered that Williā Bayley of Castlecary, mason, may build himself a house vppon some parte of the halfe acre in the peticon mencioned, soe that he procureth the leaue and lycence of the Lady of the fee of the sayd halfe acre with the consent of the Inhabitants of the parish of Almisforde for the erectinge of the same. [S.R., lxv, ii, 48 ; i, 59.]

31. Forasmuch as yt appeareth unto his M<sup>ties</sup> Justices of the peace here assembled, that this poore peticoner Edmund Higgons is (through age and hurts receaued heretofore in the warrs of our late queene Elizabeth in Ireland) farr more impotent then heretofore hee hath benn, and not able to worke as hee hath donn for the supplyinge of his wants : Ordered that the treasurers of the wounded souldiers shall (in augmenta<sup>c</sup>ō of this pencon) pay unto the sayd Edmund Higgons xx<sup>s</sup>. *p. ann.* more then formly. [S.R., lxv, ii, 58, 61.]

32. Whereas there was complaint made by Isabell Longe against Henry Longe of Blackforde, her husband, for not givinge her sufficient mayntenance. And whereas yt was alleaged by the sayd Henry Longe that there was an end made of the Differencs betweene them by Mr. Richard Iveleafe and others their neighbours, and that there was meanes and maintenance allotted to her to her owne likeinge which now shee doth not accept of : yt is therefore ordered by the Court with the consent of both the said husband and wife that the sayd difference shall be againe referred unto the sayd Mr. Iveleafe and Robte Pope aforesayd, and they to sett downe any order and agreement therein what allotment of meanes yearly the sayd Henry Longe shall allow his said wife and to certife the same. [S.R., lxv, ii, 64.]

33. Whereas yt is intreated on the behalfe of the Cittie of Bristoll that their Purveyors, Drivers and Higglers may buy and carry away for the necessary provision of the sayd Cittie such quantities of Corne as maie be conveniently spared within the marketts of this Countie and that they maie freely carry through the sayd Countie such corne and graine as they shall buy in the Counties adiacent : It is therefore thought fitt and ordered that theis Purveyors, Drivers and Higglers maie buy,

drive and carry in and through the sayd Countie such proportions thereof as shall by us the Justices of peace in our severall divisions be thought convenient to bee bought, driven and carried and noe more soe as the sayd Purveyors, Drivers and Higglers bee Lawfully Licensed soe to doe; And this our order to stand in force for the space of forty Daies, that in the meane tyme a Joint Conference may bee hadd accordinge to his Maties Direcōns in that behalfe with some of the magistrates of the sayd Citty and of the Justices of such adiacent Counties as the premises shall concerne, and this Bench Doth Deput Sir Henry Berkeley, Sir John Horner, Kts., Robte Hopton, Esqr., and Sr Ralph Hopton, Knight, or any three or two of them to meete, treatate and Conclude with them in the sayd Conference. [S.R., lxxv, ii, 60.]

34. A highway called the Ryse lying between Meare and Glaston "wch is now very foundeours" to be amended by the inhabitants of both parishes equally. [S.R., lxxv, ii, 59.]

35. The formal complaint of John Sish that he had paid divers americiaments and charges for the repairing of Swell bridge, which ought to be repaid unto him by the inhabitants of Huntspill: to be inquired into by William Bull and Abrahā Burrell, Esqrs., and to take such order therein as they in their discrecons shall thinke fitt. [S.R., lxxv, ii, 16, 17, 33, 65.]

36. Whereas Henry Huett hath petiōned this Court of Sessions to be releued against the Overseers of Compton Dando for keepinge away from him a copy of an order made by Mr. Doct. Godwyne, and Mr. Rosse and other wronges: Mr. Doctor Godwyne and Mr. Rosse and Mr. Lyte or any two of them to call the parties before them and to ende the differences betweene them if they can. [S.R., lxxv, ii, 66.]

37. May Flower, the sonn of Richard Flower, of Norton Bevant, Co. Wilts, who was in the first year of his Maties Raigne that now is bound an apprentice for 7 years wth one Thomas Ellis of Wescombe in the parish of Battcombe, cooper, to be discharged from his apprenticeship; and further, that yt shall be lawfull for any person whatsoever to take the sayd May Flower into service notwithstandinge his sayd former Apprentishipp. [S.R., lxxv, ii, 67.]

38. Whereas yt was informed unto this Court that at a Court Leet holden for the hundred of Kilmersdon it was presented by the Jury there that Mr. James Orange, Esq<sup>r</sup>., for his ffarme at Kilmersdon ought to find a Tythingman for that Tythinge for this yeare, and for his refusall thereof Complaint beinge made to this Court and uppon openinge of the matter by Mr. Orrange his Councell and proof offered that neither he nor any of his predecessors were ever charged wth the sayd office for the sayd ffarme and reasons urged that prescripcon that is triable by the common Lawe must trye him to the execution of the sayd office and not a presentment to a Jury; And yt beinge alsoe alleaged that one John Bourd was presented by the last Tythingman to the Steward of the sayd Leete to bee next in course to take the sayd office of Tythingman: It is therefore for the reasons afore-sayd ordered that the sayd John Bourd shall execute the sayd office for this yere, And that hee doe forthwith repair unto the next Justice of peace adioyninge to the place to take his oath for the execution of the same office accordingly. [S.R., lxx, ii, 68.]

Mem. that Mr. Orange promised the Court that yf uppon a tryall at the Common Lawe yt shall appeare that Mr. Orange ought in point of law to haue taken uppon him the sayd Tythingmanshipp accordinge to the presentment of the sayd Jury that he will paie the sayd John Bourd double the mony as is usually given for the execucon of the sayd office for one yeare.

39. Certain difference between the parishes of Weeke (Wick St. Laurence) and Kingston (Kingston Seymour), concerninge the settlinge of a poore Childe now livinge in Kingston settled by settling the child in the parish of Kingston. [S.R., lxx, ii, 57.]

40. Order made on the Treasurer of Hospitals of the western Division to pay forthwith to Elioner Slade of Castle Cary, widow, the sum of £3 3s. 4d. beinge the arrerages of a former order of six pounds xiijs, iiij<sup>d</sup> made at Wells, 5 Caroli Regs. for the better releife of her in her greate misery. Hen. Berkeley, Jo. Horner, Antho. Stocker, Jo. ffarewell, J. Harrington, Rice Davies, James ffarewell, Tho. Lyte.

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER  
the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> days of April, 7 Charles  
(1631), before Sir Ralph Hopton, Knight of the Bath,  
Sir Henry Barkley, knight, John Harrington, John Symes,  
John Harbyn, James Rosse, James Farewell, William Bull,  
and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

1. Uppon complainte made unto this Court by one Christofer Gould that whereas he havinge benn reteyned in the service of one William Atwell of Butley by the space of five yeares and halfe and the said William Atwell havinge turned him the said Gould out of service, and uniustly and fraudilently deteyninge of his wages from him not givinge him quarter[ly] warninge, whereby the said Gould is now destitute of service, and gretly impoverished through the uniustly deteyninge of his said wages; yt is therefore ordered by this Courte that the Overseers of the poore of the said parishe of Butley shall provide for the mayntennce of the said Christofer Gould as for other the poore of the said pishe of Butley untill the said Withm Atwell shalbe ordered by this Courte. [S.R., lxv, i, 19.]

2. Order upon the appeal of a supposed father of a child against an order made upon him at the last Wells Sessions upon the ground "that at the tyme when the sayd order was made he was sicke and could not produce such wittnesses as hee hath to cleere himselfe, and that his witnesses Dwellinge farr of and old people some of them." Sir Edward Rodney and Mr. Capell desired by the Court to take the matter into their consideration and to examine such witnesses. [S.R., lxv, i, 21.]

3. Uppon Complaint made at this Sessions that a certaine bridge within the hundred of Kainsham called Woolward bridge is very much in decay and that yt cannot appcare who ought to repaire the said bridge: Sir ffrancis Popham, and Sir John Horner, Knights, ffrancis Baber, John Harrington, Williã Capell, and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., or any fower of them, to examine and settle the matter. [S.R., lxv, i, 20.]

4. 10*li*. forthwith to be paid towards the present releife and mayntenance of Richard Boarde [of Shepton Mallet], who had



susteyned greate losses by fire allmost to his undoinge. [S.R. lxv, ii, 75 ; i, 22.]

5. Order made towards the maintenance and relief of Dorothy the base woman child born in the parish of Lyng. [S.R., lxv, i, 18.]

6. Order made towards the relief and maintenance of Barbara the base woman child born in the parish of Stogursey. [S.R., lxv, i, 17.]

7. Whereas John Locke of East Brent was bound from the Sessions now to appere for refusinge to undertake the office of tythingman of Singhampton, and for that noe prosecucion is now against him, the Court therefore doth desire William Capell, Esqr., one of his Mats. Justices of the peace for this Countie to examine the businesse, and yf hee finde cause to binde the saide Locke againe to the next Sessions yf the sayd Locke doth not give him goode satisfacion to the Contrary. [S.R., lxv, i, 16.]

8. An order made by William ffranceis and Gawen Mallett, Esqrs., the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 1631, for the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Halse. [S.R., lxv, i, 15.]

9. An order made at Watchett the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 7<sup>th</sup> Charles by Sir John Wyndham, Knight, and Thomas Wyndham, Esqr., for the relief of a child born in the parish of Crocombe: the mother to be sent to the howse of Correction at Taunton, and now the mother of two base children, there to remaine for the space of one whole year and farther, untill she shall put in sufficient sureties for her good abearinge. [S.R., lxv, i, 14.]

10. An order made by Sir Henry Berkeley, Knight, and James ffarewell, Esqr., 22 January, 1630, "for and towards the releife fosteringe and bringinge upp" of a child born in the parish of Charlton Musgrove. [S.R., lxv, i, 13.]

11. Whereas there have been diverse controversies betweene the parishoners of Curry Rivell, Barrington, North Curry, and Drayton concerninge the settlinge of one Thomas Harte and

Ursula his wife, this Court doth referr the Examination thereof unto Paule Godwyne, D.D., James Rosse, and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lxv, i, 7, 9, 23.]

12. Whereas John Kinge of Oldmixton within the parish of Bleadon was bound over to appere at this Sessions of the peace for non-payment of twenty pounds which came to his or his wife's hands as the porcon of one Alce Hiscox of Uphill given her by her father, and whereas this Court was informed by the parishioners of Bleadon that the said Alce Hiscox was brought by the sayd John Kinge to the parish of Bleadon from Uphill where shee was borne, and that the parishoners of Bleadon in short tyme after shee was brought thither fearinge in regarde that shee was an impotent and decrepit pson would become chargable to the parish of Bleadon, made complaint to John May, Esqr., deceased, late Justice of peace of the sayd Countie of her remoueing from Uphill to Bleadon, and that thereuppon the sayd Mr. May made an order that the sayd John Kinge should convey the said Alce Hiscox from Bleadon to Uphill, but for that none of the parish of Uphill were here to alleage any reason why they should not receaue the said Alce Hiscox ; It is therefore desired by the Court that Sir Edward Rodney, Knight, and William Capell, Esqr., wilbe pleased to call the said John Kinge and the parishioners of Bleadon and Uphill before them, and examine the businesse, and to sett downe an order for the settlinge of the sayd Alce Hiscox, or otherwise to certifie the Court at the next Sessions of their opinions herein. [S.R., lxv, i, 10.]

13. Whereas uppon the humble peticon of John Gibbs Clarke, viccar of North Curry, in the behalfe of John Tucker *als*. Trapnell of the same parish yt appered unto the Court that the sayd John Tucker *als*. Trapnell hath lately susteyned greate losses by fire almost to his undoinge : 10*li*. ordered to be paid to the said John Tucker *als*. Trapnell towards his p<sup>r</sup>sent releife and maintenance assoone as the sayd Treasurer shalbe inabled to paie the same. [S.R., lxv, i, 11, 12.]

Jo. Stawell, Jo. Harrington, Ralph Hopton, Jo. Symes,  
Gerrard Wood, Tho. Lyte.

14. An order made the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1630, by Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for the maintenance of a child born at Puriton. [S.R., lxv, i, 8, 30.]

15. Uppon the peticon of one John Durnforde of Trent in this Countie, Blacksmith, now preferred unto this Court that whereas the sayd Durnforde hath lived in Trent aforesayd twenty-two yeres and upwards single man, married, and hath duringe his Continuance there demeaned and behaved himselfe orderly as a subiect ought to doe, and now notwithstandinge the parishoners of Trent will not suffer this peticoner to inhabite there any longer, neither to rent any howse for his mony by meanes whereof the sayd Durneforde is altogether destitute of any certaine place of abode : Sr Henry Berkeley, Knight, or one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Justics of the pece desired to settle the matter. [S.R., lxv, i, 6, 71.]

16. Petition of one Margaret Burton, widdowe, that whereas shee the sayd Margaret about three yeares sythence was possessed of two Coppy hold Tenements, the moitie of which shee gave in marriage with Joane Burton her Daughter unto one John Poole, and doth farther shew unto this Court that the sayd John Poole by color thereof hath and yet doth denie the sayd Margaret to take and receaue the other moity of the sayd two tenements, and doth beate her servants and suffer the howses to fall downe and hath donn many other enormities, abuses and injuries unto the said Margaret, whereuppon the sayd Margaret hath peticoned this Court. William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup> desired to settle the matter. [S.R., lxv, i, 5, 49.]

17. Uppon the humble peticon of the parishioners of Othery unto this Court preferred that whereas the sayd parishioners aforesayd have binn lately at a great Charge for and towards the repacon of a certaine bridge called Burrow Clies yt beinge the comon rode way betweene Wells and Taunton which before the sayd repairinge thereof was very dangerous and not without greate difficulty for horse and man to passe ; And whereas the parishoners of Middlzoey have binn alwayes heretofore accustomed to bee at a third of the Charge for the repacon of the sayd bridge

which they now utterly refuse to Doe : the Court doth desire that William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, will be pleased to call before them the sayd parishoners of Middlzoy and other the parties whome the premisses shall concerne, and to take such further course therein as they in their Discrecons shall thinke fitt. [S.R., lxx, i, 4, 45.]

18. Whereas William Lyddon of Brushforde, yeoman, havinge receaued into his howse a woman servant who sythence his entertayninge her in his sayd service is growne impotent, where-uppon the sayd William Lyddon hath put her out of his sayd service whereby the sayd woman servant is now become chargeable to the sayd parish of Brishforde, this Court Doth hereuppon desire that Sir John Wyndham, Knight, Thom. Luttrell and Thomas Wyndham, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them willbe pleased to send for all such pties before them as cann wittnesse the truth herein, and uppon examination of the sayd parties to settle a cause therin as they shall see cause for the settling of the sayd woman servant, yf possibly they can, and to binde such parties as are refractory herein to the next General Quarter Sessions. [S.R., lxx, i, 3.]

19. Richard Granger maketh oath against William Hurde of Walton, yeoman, James Hurde of the same, Richard Pinckard of the same, yeoman, for buyinge corne in ground ; against Jacob Hill of Halse, usinge a trade of clothinge not beeinge Apprentice, William Rowswell of Wellington for regratinge of Cheese, Jacob Androwse of Bridgwater and Thomas Prinne of Somerton, partners, for buyinge corne in grounde, John Durston of Wilton for buynge and sellinge within five weekes, George Thorne of Stogursey and John Brewer of Combwitch for the same offence, Edmund Galle of Bridgwater for takinge extorcion, Richard Barker of Godnye in the parish of Meare for maintayninge a Cottage that hath not fower acres of Lande. [S.R., lxx, ii, 74.]

20. Jeffry Brooman maketh oath against Lewes Samforde of North Curry, Roger Hill of Taunton, Emanuell Godsale of the same, William Symes of Weston, Robte Perry, John Vernhill *als.* Verhill of North Curry, George Palmer and Giles Cox of Puddimore, for ingross of Corne ; Clement Chilcott ; John Hughes of

Lyddeard, and Thomas Lawrence of Northover, and John Cooke of Milverton, for buyinge corne in ground ; Henry Tymewell of Taunton, feltmaker, for keepinge aboue the number of two Apprentics, John Whaydon and John Preist of Watchett, partners, for ingross of salte, Julia Stone, Richard Miles, Joane Miles *als.* Stone of Bridgwater for ingross of Salte, John Bate of Wootton Courtney, John Gymblett of Watchett, Thomas Seaman of Ashpriors, John Leaky of the same, Richard Trowbridge of the same, Thomas Doble of Crowcombe, for forestalling of barley and other graine, George Clements and Joan Clements for using clothinge not Apprentices, Richard Bursey, John Brodforde and John Dyer, partners, of Martock, for forestallinge Fire fewell. [S.R., lxv, ii, 72.]

21. William Knowman now maketh oath against Robte Bragg, Jun., husband., Thomas Lavar, husband., Thomas ffrye, husband., John Symons, husband., [all of Martocke] for shootinge in a handgunn, John Sprackett of Ilebrowsers, husbandman, for ingross of Corne. [S.R., lxv, ii, 73.]

22. William Knowman maketh oath that he had received and served a subpœna. [S.R., lxv, i, 1.]

23. John Owen maketh oath that he hath served with a writt. [S.R., lxv, i, 1.]

24. Richard Walford maketh oath that he had served with subpena. [S.R., lxv, i, 2.]

25. William Midelham of Westbury, information for extorcon in usury (22<sup>o</sup> Jacobi) against Richard Yeatman of Sandford Orcas. [S.R., lxv, i, 2.]

26. Order on the petition of Peeter Hutchens " shewinge that whereas his wives Daughter about nine yeares sythence havinge a base Childe and that the reputed father did deliver unto one Mr. Carswell of Bishopps Lyddeard the some of nine pounds to bee employed towards the maintenance and breedinge upp of the sayd Child by the Consent of the Overseeres and other the

pishoners of Lyddeard aforesayd and agreement between them and the sayd Carswell, and that hee the sayd Peeter Hutchens hath ever since kept the sayd Child for forty shillings to the end that the some of eight pounds should remaine in the sayd Carswell's hands for seaven yeres and by him to bee employed for the good and best advantage of the said Child, which the sayd Carswell now refuseth to performe either to paie over unto the overseers of the sayd parish the said mony or to give any securitie for the same : " William ffranceis, Robte Cuffe, and William Every or any two of them, to inquire into the matter ; if true, to binde over the sayd Carswell to the next Sessions with good suerties there to answeere his Contempt herein. [S.R., lxx, i, 72, 73.]

27. Whereas William Wallis was bound over to the Sessions for refusinge to take one Johann Salmon, an Apprentice, and for that he now alleageth that the sayd Johanne is not fitt to bee out an Apprentice nor fitt for his service and that hee yeldeth to take any other Apprentice ; yt is desired by the Court that William Wallrond and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or one of them, wilbe pleased to send for the sayd William Wallis and the sayd Joane Salmon and examine the excepcons which hee hath unto the sayd Johane, and yf they see cause to place any other Apprentice with him or this same yf they think her fitt for him, and yf hee shall refuse to performe their order, then to binde him over againe to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxx, i, 66.]

28. Whereas John Rogers hath petitioned this Court therein showinge that Nicholas Rogers his sonn, livinge a servant with John Hartgill of Killmington, Esqr., was accused by one Mary Sweete to bee the reputed father of a base Child borne on her body, and that Mr. Cutbert Hartgill, one of the sonns of the sayd Mr. John Hartgill, did often threaten the sayd Nicholas Rogers that hee would doe him a good turne, and did locke the sayd Nicholas upp into a Chamber and tolde him that he should father a Child before he should come forth ag[a]ine ; that there-upon the sayd Nicholas Rogers did breake forth at a window of the sayd Chamber, and did runn away, and the sayd Mr. Cutbert Hartgill did follow after him w<sup>th</sup> a naked sworde, threateninge him how hee would use him havinge noe warrant at all against

him, and that after this tyme uppon some direcons from Robte Hopton, Esqr., neere the tyme of the delivery of the sayd Mary Sweete, one of the Collectors of the poore of the sayd parish did will his wife to call some other women to her and to goe and examine the said Mary Sweete concerninge this Child and that thereuppon the sayd Mr. Hartgill was very much displeased with the sayd Collector's wyfe and willed his man to goe and put her out of the Doores ; It is farther desired by this sayd peticon that one Roger Style of Kilmington, with whome the sayd Mary Sweete lived as a servant might bee examined concerninge the sayd base Childe who is bound over concerning the same ; And farther alleageth that at the tyme when his sonn soe went away from his master that he left there behinde him in wages due to him from his master sheepe, Apparell, and other goods to the value of fower pounds which goods he made over to John Rogers his brother for debts which hee did owe unto him which sayd goods his sayd master will not deliver. Referred to Robte Hopton, Esqr. [S.R., lxv, i, 24, 26.]

29. Ordered that twenty shillings shall be forthwith payd to Thomas Parram towards his releife untill he can bringe a certificat of his service which he pretendeth hee hath done beyond the seas in his maties service.

30. Ordered that Walter Cleues late of Bruton, mason, hath binn pressed as a souldier in his maties late service in the Palatinatt and elsewhere, whereas wee are informed he hath well behaved himselfe, shall have five markes a yeare.

31. Ordered that whereas Henry Davies hath binn pressed as a souldier in his maties service beyond the seas where he hath donn good services as wee are credibly informed, to haue five markes *p. ann.*, etc.

32. Licence graunted unto John Carde of Rodney Stoake laborer, to build a house upon some part of the waste ground of the manor of Rodney Stoake although there be not fower acres of land laide thereunto, provided he obtained the licence of the lord Sir Edward Rodney, kt., and the consent of the inhabitants. [S.R., lxv, i, 63, 64.]

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th days of July, 7 Charles (1631), before Sir John Stawell, K.B., John Harrington, John Symes, Thomas Windham, William Francis, Robert Cuffe, Thomas Brereton, William Every, Arthur Pyne, Richard Cole, William Bull, and George Powlett, Esquires.

Recognizance taken at this Sessions of the peace to remaine of Record.

Richard Browne of Ivelchester genl. xx*li*. to observe and keepe lycence and the lawe for killing (?) of hawkes meate.

Badgers' Licences granted to Nicas Tyke de weare, etc.—

Critoferus Rogers de Wallington, yoman.

Edrus Lydford de Sparkford to be a coñon maulster, etc.

Edrūs Hawkins de Henstridge, etc.

Georgius Bragg de [place omitted].

Roger Chaplin de Street, etc.

1. Att this Sessions William Bull, Esqr., is chosen Treasuror of the hospitalls for the western Division, and [ ] Hippisley, Esqr., for the Easterne Division. And Richard Cole and Arthur Pyne, Esqrs. to take the accompt of the last Tresurors. [Account of A. Burrell for western division, lxvi, 80, of W. Bassett for eastern division, 81.]

2. Whereas wee finde by due Examinacon that by reason of the many late presses of Souldiers out of this Countie and their services in the warrs the number of meighmed souldiers doe daily increase, wherby the Collecon or some of mony which hath binn heretofore usually rayased within this Countie for releife of the meighmed souldiers is not sufficient to satisfie them for their pencons and other necessary disbursments for releife of them. Ordered that 50*li*. should be yearly raised by a county rate over and above the usual rate and that the first 50*li*. should be paid at Bridgwater Sessions next to the Treasuror of the meighmed souldiers, warrants to be forthwith made by the Clarke of the peace to the Constables of the severall hundreds for the leveynge of the sayd fifty pounds yearly over and aboue the usuall rate. [S.R., lxvi, 10.]



3. Order made by the Court for the weekly payment of 6*d.* by one of the late overseers of the poor of the parish of Ile Abbotts towards the relief and maintence of a child whose mother he had allowed "to depart," untill the sayd Alice bee brought forth againe to educate her sayd Child herselfe.

4. Further order made respecting the difference and question between the parishes of Staunton Drew and Chew Magna as to the repairing of the bridge, the Justices to whom the business had been referred not having been able to attend the examination thereof. [See last Ivelchester Sessions.]

5. The difference between the parishioners of Shapwick and towne of Glaston concerning the settling of a child, and likewise the difference between the parishioners of West Pennard and the said towne of Glaston concerning the settling of a child referred to Sr Edward Rodney, K<sup>t</sup>, and Paule Godwine, D.D.

6. Order made for the maintenance of a child born in the parish of Kilton 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1631. [S.R., lxvi, 19, 20.]

7. Order made for the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Huntspill, 8 July, 1631. [S.R., lxvi, 15.]

8. Order made for the relief and maintenance of a child born at Pedwell in the parish of Aishcott, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1631. [S.R., lxvi, 26.]

9. Order made that "one Alexander Browforde of Bradforde who hath binn at a great Charge in passinge of a great number of poore and impotent people from the sayd tythinge of Bradforde to the next tythinge there adioyninge, he beinge tythingman of Bradforde aforesaid," should be repaid by an equal rate made throughout the said tything of Bradforde. [S.R., lxvi, 32, 33.]

10. Whereas John Nasion of Bishops Lyddeard was bound out by the consent of the parishioners of Bishopps Lyddeard as an apprentice with one Thomas Kingston of the sayd parish to bee brought vpp in husbandry, and whereas this Court is informed of the ill usage and mercillesse dealinge of the sayd Kingston towards his sayd Apprentice by his often beatinge and ill

intreatinge of him wherby the sayd Nashion hath binn often in corpall feare of his life, etc. Order discharging the said John Nashion from his sayd Apprentishipp. [S.R., lxvi, 67.]

11. Whereas this Court is informed vppon the humble peticon of Johann Watts, widdow, that whereas her late husband Thomas Watts, died seised of a coppyhold tenemente pcell of the mannor of Weston in the sayd Countie of Somersett and was allsoe possessed of diverse other goods and chattels at the tyme of his death which sayd coppyhold tenemente the sayd Johann Watts ought by the Custome of the same mannor to haue duringe her widdowhood, and ought to haue the sayd goods and chattels as Administrat<sup>r</sup> to her sayd husband; And Complaint beinge made vnto this Court that one Nicholas Watts and one John Poole combindinge together, and not havinge right or tytle in the sayd tenement goods or chattels, Doe neverthesse disturbe and abuse the sayd Johann Watts wherby shee cannott receaue any profit of the sayd tenement or iniuye the sayd goods. William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, desired to call before them the said Nicholas Watts and John Poole and such other as for ether of them shall intermeddle about the premisses, and sett downe some direct order therein as they in their discrecon shall thinke fitt, at (*sic*) certifie at the next Sessions what they haue doun therin and bynde thither such persons as they thinke fitt. [S.R., lxvi, 42, 68.]

12. Whereas Roger Wytherell of Dynnington was in the first yeare of his Maties Raigne that now is bound by the Consent of his fater as an Apprentice with one Tobias Rugg of Ilmister which sayd Rugg beinge much indebted is forced to forsake the sayd towne, his Apprentice not knowinge the place of his abode now by meanes wherof he is againe become Chargeable to his sayd fater. Ordered that the sayd Roger Wytherell shalbe discharged from his sayd Apprentishipp. [S.R., lxvi, 58.]

13. Uppon a peticon unto this Court preferred that wheras tyme out of minde there hath binn a certaine peece of ground lyng at Cathanger in this Countie of Somersett called by the name of Horsington belonginge unto such person as shalbe

Tythingman of Exton for and towards the defrayinge of such Charges as by him shallbe disbursed and layd out in and about his maties service in that quarter beinge within the Tythinge of Exton aforesayd and distant from Exton about three and twenty miles, and that person which hadd the sayd ground hath used from tyme to tyme to giue entertainment to the Tythingman of Exton aforesayd, diett, horsmeat and lodginge, untill he could dispatch his businesse in other places allsoe of the said Tythinge therabouts, and to collect and gather upp such rates and taxes as should bee due thence unto the Tythingman of Exton, notwithstandinge one John Weltch of Catthanger hath and doth take the benefitt of the sayd ground and refuseth to finde and provide for the Tythingman of Exton aforesayde, dyett, horsmeat and lodginge as heretofore yt hath binn donn, to the great wronge of the piconers of Exton aforesayd: the premisses considered this Court doth desire that Arthur Pyne, Esqr., one of his maties Justices of the peace for this Countie willbe pleased to call John Weltchman before him and examine the matter herein and yf he finde cause to binde him over to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxvi, 56, 57.]

14. Whereas John Clasy of Chard was in the first yeare of his maties raigne that now is bound by the Consent of his mother and other his ffreinds as an Apprentice with one Augustine Channinge of the sayd parish of Charde, and havinge served five yeares with him was inforced to goe from the sayd Channinge by meanes of some harde usage by his master towards him: Ordered that the sayd John Clasy shallbee discharged from his sayd Apprentishipp. [S.R., lxvi, 55.]

15. Uppon the humble peticon of Alce Langham of Taunton St. James, widdow, therein shewinge that wheras there haue binn severall amerciaments on the sayd parish for not mendinge their highwayes amountinge to the some of 56<sup>sh</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, all which monyes haue binn most uniustly leveyed on her the sayd Alce; yt is therefore ordered by the Court that there shallbee an equall rate mad by the sayd piconers of the said pish, and the sayd Alce to bee rated accordingly with them and noe more, and the rate beinge made shee to be repayed what money hath binn

wrongfully receaved of her, and yf the piconers aforesayd or any of them refuse soe to doe, to bee bound to the next Sessions of the peace there to answer their Contempts. [S.R., lxvi, 54.]

16. Uppon Complaint made to this Court of the Contempt of William Saunders of Kainsham for sellinge beere beinge suppress and other misdemeanors, this Court doth hereuppon order that the sayd William Saunders shallbee from henceforth suppress from typlinge any more, and that he doth likewise forbear to brew any beere at all under pretence to sell yt to the poore, and yf hee doe at any tyme hereafter brew any beere to sell yt againe that then the sayd Saunders to bee bound to the good behaviour. [S.R., lxvi, 50.]

17. Uppon Complaint made unto this Court of Diverse and sundry abuses Comitted in the howse of John Clarke of Doniett, Alehowskeeper, and elsewhere, this Court doth hereuppon order that the sayd John Clarke shall from hencforth bee suppressed from typlinge any more, and that hee doe likewise forbear to brew any beere at all under pretence to sell yt to the poore, and yf hee doe at any tyme hereafter brew any beere to sell yt againe that then the sayd Clarke to bee bound to the good behaviour. [S.R., lxvi, 49.]

18. Whereas Abell Bragg, sonn of Henry Bragg of Brumfeild, was in the sixth yeare of his Maties Raigne that now is bound by the consent of the Churchwardens and the Overseers of the poore of the sayd pish of Brumfeild as an Apprentice w<sup>th</sup> one Humfry Cole of the sayd parish, tayler, w<sup>ch</sup> sayd Cole beinge not able sithence to maintaine himselfe and his sayd Apprentice, hath lately gonn into Ireland leavinge his sayd Apprentice uppon the Charge of the sayd pish : Ordered that the said Abell Bragg shallbee discharged from his sayd Apprentishipp. [S.R., lxvi, 66.]

19. Whereas yt appeareth by the petiçon of Johann Hedges of Merriott that Thomas Hedges, deceased, her late husband, a little before his death did borrow of one Robert Merefeild the sume of sixteene shillings, for which hee did serve him for the

paiment againe by levinge in his hands in howshold stufte dubble the value thereof, and that since the sayd Johane Hedges hath often tendered the sayd xvis. vnto the sayd Robert Merefeild, which hee will not receaue nor deliver her sayd goods; and that vpon Complaint made to the right Honble the lord Pawlett hee was ordered to deliuer the same and receaue his money, which hee did then promise to doe, but since vtterly refuseth to performe the same; the Consideraçon whereof is referred vnto James Rosse, Esqr. [S.R., lxvi, 69.]

20. Luke Thresher of Ilmister, glover, maketh oath that he have receaued subpenas issuinge out of this Court against Humfry Churchill, William Pathy, Robte Piddle, William Paviour, Robte Clarke, John Pullfeild, John Bryant, George Turner, Josias Browne and William Membury Did serue them, the sayd Humfry Churchill, Robte Clarke, John Bryant, George Turner, Josias Browne, William Membury, w<sup>th</sup> the same pcesse by givinge every of them a tickett with sight of the sayd processe before Ivelchester Sessions last and before the returne of the sayd subpena, and concerninge the sayd William Pathy, Robte Piddle, William Pavior and John Punfeild (*sic*) they were all absent from their severall howses as this Deponent was tolde, whervpon this Deponent shewed the subpena to some one or more of their families, and left ticketts for every one of them before Ivelchester Sessions last before the returne of the sayd subpena.

Jur. 15<sup>o</sup> July Cor me, Johe Harrington.

21. William Knowman now maketh oath that wheras hee hath now exhibited several Informaçons against William Overy of Gregory Stoake, husbandman, Alexander Bulpin of North Petherton, yeoman, and Robert Drayton of Barrington, husbandman, for shootinge in haund guns Contrary to the forme of the Statute; against Johann Stedier of Fifehead, widdow, and William Kellway of Gregory Stoake, husbandman, for ingrossinge of corne contrary, etc.; against Lewes Perris of Milverton, husbandman, John Ingram of Milverton, yeoman, for buyinge corne in ground Contrary to the forme of the statute. [S.R., lxvi, 21.]

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd days of September, 7 Charles (1631), before Sir William Portman, Sir Edward Powell, Baronets, Sir John Stawell, K.B., Sir Edward Rodney, Knight, John Harrington, William Francis, Thomas Windham, Robert Cuffe, William Capell, George Powlett, William Ball and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

Att this Sessioñs William Waldron, Esqr., is chosen Tresuror for the Meimed Souldiers, and William Capell and Thomas Lyte, Esqrs, to take the Accoumpte of the last Tresuror (James Rosse ; account, lxvi, 140).

1. Nothing having been done respecting the complaint of the tithingman of Exton since the Taunton Sessions, the case was again referred to Arthur Pyne, Esqr. [S.R., lxvi, 136.]

2. The difference between the parishioners of Milverton and Wiveliscombe settled by settling one Margery, who had lived last at Miluton by the Space of twelue monethes and vpwards in that parish. [S.R., lxvi, 135.]

3. William Wytherall to erect and build him a howse or Cottage upon the waste of the manor of East Dolish, he having already procured the licence of Sir George Speake, Knight, lord of the said manor, with the consent of the overseers. [S.R., lxvi, 93, 94, 95, 134.]

4. A woman and her child to be settled at Locking. [S.R., lxvi, 133.]

5. An order made towards the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Luxburrow. [S.R., lxvi, 115, 130.]

6. Order made for the maintenance and relief of a child born in the parish of Aishill, 20th July. [S.R., lxvi, 129.]

7. For the maintenance and relief of a child born in the parish of Ditcheat, 8th September. [S.R., lxvi, 128.]

8. An order made at Dunster, 21st July, 1631, for the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Minehead. [S.R., lxvi, 127.]

9. An order made at Dunster by Tho. Luttrell and Thomas Wyndham, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, on the 21st day of July, 1631, towards the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Stogumber, whose mother, Welthia[n] Williams, a Wellsh-woman, after her return again from Wales for more money, was by the threatninge speeches of the reputed father driven to runn away, whereby the Child is wholly Chargable vnto the sayd parish of Stogumber. [S.R., lxvi, 126.]

10. An order made towards the necessary maintenance and reliefe of a child born in the parish of Ilton. Dated 20th day of September, 1631. [S.R., lxvi, 117, 125.]

Geo. Speake.

Ja. Rosse.

11. Captaine Kearne shall Receaue fifty pounds yearly, to bee paid vnto him by the Treasurer of meighmed Souldiers of this Countie soe longe as hee shall Continue Muster master of this Countie, or that wee finde cause to alter this our order.

12. Samuell Whetcombe shall haue ten pounds paid vnto him for his service by the Treasurer of the meighmed souldiers. [S.R., lxvi, 113.]

[INFORMATIONS.]

13. Jeffery Brooman now maketh oath, etc., against Richard Bursey of Martocke, yeom<sup>n</sup>, John Bradford of the same, yeom<sup>n</sup>, John Dier of the same, yeom<sup>n</sup>, for buyinge Cole and other ffewell and for sellinge yt againe Contrary to the Statute; against William Stone of Oterhampton, yeom<sup>n</sup>, and Henry Shepheard of Edington, husband., for shootinge in a handgunn; against William Creech of Porlocke, yeom<sup>n</sup>, Thomas Brooke of Minehead for usinge the trade of Bakers, George Clarke for using the trade of a ffuller, against Anthony Brice of Chedzy for shootinge in a hand gunn, against Samuell Mills of Gotehurst,

yeom<sup>n</sup>, and John Godfry of Weston for buyinge of live Cattle and sellinge them within five weekes contrary to the Statute, against Emanuell Sands of Southpether-ton, gent., for buyinge Corne in ground, against Christofer Locke *als.* Lacke of Glaston, yeom<sup>n</sup>, John Peell *als.* Perkins of the same, yeom<sup>n</sup>, Toby Holl *als.* Hall of the same, yeom<sup>n</sup>, William James of Hollbrooke, yeom<sup>n</sup>, Christopher Holl *als.* Hall of Glaston, yeom<sup>n</sup>, Edward Williams, William Appline thelder, Jeffery Austen, William Willockes of the same, yeom<sup>n</sup>, John Gasper of Minehead, yeom<sup>n</sup>, Anthony Wallford of Stogursey, Miller, Robte Goodman *als.* Joyner of ffdington, miller, Thomas Dodgerell of Meere in Com. Wills, yeom<sup>n</sup>, for ingrossinge of Corne, Butter, Salt and Cheese Contrary, etc.; against John Bruford *als.* Brewer of Halse, yeom<sup>n</sup>, and Jacob Androwes for forestallinge salte and barley, against Jacob Androwes aforesayd for stretchinge of Cloath, and against Nora Bickham of Spaxton, Clothier, for stretching of Cloath, against William Rogers of Bridgwater, yeom<sup>n</sup>, for usinge the trade of a haberdasher of Smalewares, not beinge an Apprentice, against Giles Strongman, yeom<sup>n</sup>, for usinge the trade of a brazier contrary to the Statute, against Peter Riall of Trull, yeom<sup>n</sup>, for forestallinge of barley, against Nicholas Walter of Somerton, tanner, for driinge of Lether in the sunn, and for sellinge yt not searched nor sealed, and not tanninge yt a yeare. All which severall offences, etc.

14. William Knowman now maketh oath, etc., against Williã Cruse of Dulverton, husband., Nicholas Sealy of the same, husband., John ffarthinge of the same, husband., John Gaye of Dunster, husband., ffrancis Blacke of the same, husband., Robte Chapple of the same, husband., for usinge of the trade of Bakers, not beinge Apprentices, Contrary to the statute. Roger Moore of Tolland, husband., ffrancis Norman of Wiviliscombe, husband., George Gilbert of West Pennard, for ingrossing of corne contrary, etc. [S.R., lxvi, 139.]

15. Jeffery Brooman of London, yeom., maketh oath, etc., against Isaacke Thornewton of yevell in the said Countie, gent., for usinge the trade of a grocer, not beinge an Apprentice, Contrary to the forme of the Statute made xij<sup>o</sup> Die Januarij



Anno Regni Dne Elizabethhe Quinto, etc., against Richard Barter in the parish of Gaslett in the parish of St. Cuthberts in Wells for erectinge of a Cottage Contrary to the Statute and alsoe against John Barter of Godney in the parish of Meare, for Continuinge of the sayd Cottage contrary to the Statute, etc. [S.R., lxvi, 138.]

16. John Owen maketh oath, etc., against William Standfast and John Standfast of Liddeard St. Lawrence, yeom., for shootinge in a handgunn, Richard Everatt of Stockland, Bristoll, for buyinge corne in ground, against Samuell Wythers of St. Decumans for the same offence, against Henry Hancocke of Cannington, husband., for shootinge in a handgunn, against Thomas Beadon of Stogumber, yeom., Edith Bruer and Katherine Bruer, Spinsters, of Halse, John Nutt of Milverton, husband., for ingrossinge of Corne, Archilaus Cooke of Milverton, husband., for buyinge Corne in ground, George Clements of Dunster, yeom., Richard Webb of Chard, yeom., for usinge the trade of a fuller not beinge Apprentice, Azarias Evans, yeom., of St. Decumans, for straininge of Cloath, James Chillcott of Fidington, husband., Richard Gillinge of Woolavington, husband., for usinge the trades of Bakers not beinge Apprentice, Thomas Kingland of Minehead, yeom., for ingrossing of wooll and tallow, John Hayne of Rison, husband., for buyinge corne in ground contrary, etc.

17. George Woolridge maketh oath, etc., against Phillip Kinge of Chipstable, clothier, Lewes Sweetinge of Stogursey, Clothier, William Arnary of Bicknaller, Clothier, Robte Pyke of Crocombe, Clothier, for hott pressinge of cloath contrary, etc. ; Alexander Stanfast, William Stanfast of Kilve, Clothiers, John Culverwell of Overstowy, Clothier, Gabriell Dawe of Chipstable, Clothier, Noah Bickham of Spaxton, Clothier, for stretchinge and straininge of cloath and for puttinge of flockes, thrums and haire in Cloath, contrary to the Statute, etc., Edward Burch *als.* Butcher of Stogumber, Dier, dyinge with logwood, All which severall offences, etc.

18. Henry Collins now maketh oath, etc., against Arthurus Clarke of Stowell Clarke for non-residence, Contrary to the forme of the Statute, etc.

19. John Derham maketh oath that he had served with subpenas Richard Huish, Thomas Chepman, Richard Chepman, Mathew Phelpps, Joanne Hobbs, widdow, Abraham Ryall, John Sprake, Markes Dunn, Thomas Cooke, Robte Dowden, Robte Stibbs, Charles Prankard, Henry Soper, William Lane *als.* Morris, Thomas Godfrey, Hugh Sterke, Edward Togood, David Smyth, John Langdon, John Presley, William Ryddiout thelder, William Riddiout the younger, accordinge to the effect and purport of the said writes. [S.R., lxvi, 131.]

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th days of January, 7 Charles (1631-2), before Walter (Curl), Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir John Stawell, K.B., Sir Ferdinand Gorge, Sir Francis Popham, Sir Henry Berkley, Sir Edward Rodney, Sir John Horner, Knights, Gerard Ward, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Harrington, William Capell, Anthony Stocker, John Farewell, Richard Cole, William Bassett, John Harbyn, Thomas Lyte, William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esquires.

1. An order made at Watchett the 7th day of January, 1631, towards the relief and maintenance of a child in the parish of Upton. Jo. Wyndham, Tho. Wyndham. [S.R., lxvii, ii, 25, 26.]

2. Upon the certificate under the hand and seal of Sir Edward Berckley of Pill, Knight, and of the parishioners there, it was ordered that John Duncckerton, a poore impotent man borne in Pill aforesaid, havinge noe settled place of abidinge there, should erect a Cottage uppon some parte of the wast ground within the said parish. [S.R., lxvii, ii, 5, 6.]

3. Petition of Samuell Longman of Kilmington to erect a cottage there referred to Robert Hopton, Esqr., and Sr Ralph Hopton, Knight, to send for the parishioners of Kilmington, and to enquire of John Hartgill, lord of the manor, concerning the erecting of the said Cottage, and to certify their proceedings at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 84 ; ii, 4.]

4. Whereas John Harte of Bedminster moved the Court that Mr Henry Pickeringe of East Harptry, grandfather to his wife's first husband's children, should for the case of him and his charge, beinge a poore man, keepe his wiue's former husband's children, and whereas the said Mr Pickeringe hath voluntarily undertaken to provide for one of the Children, and ingenuously offered the Court out of his indulgence (to his grandchild undisposed of) to keepe the said Child till the Child should attain to the age of tenn yeares, Soe that the said John Harte would at that Age binde out the said Child to a sufficient trade at his owne Charge an Apprentice. It is therefore ordered at this Court by the consent of the said Mr Pickeringe that the said Mr Pickeringe shall keepe the said Child till his said age of tenn yeares, And then the said John Harte shall pforme his order on his parte. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 97 ; ii, 2, 32 (letter of Peter Roynow of W. Harptree).]

5. Certaine Differences betweene Sisily Edgill of Shepton Mallett, widdow, and Mr Joseph Bythesea and John Creed of Shepton Mallett aforesaid concerninge certaine writings which they Detaine from her; the Lord Bishopp of Bath and Wells and Gerard Wood, D.D., desired to examine the differences in question, and settle a peace therein yf they maie, or else to certifie their opinions therein at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 103 ; ii, 1.]

6. Whereas Gyles Drew of Langport in this County, black-smyth, is constrained to keepe a poore Child which was placed with him by the overseers of the poore of Langport aforesaid, who is almost blinde, and hath an infectiue Disease in his head and not able to vndergoe any worke, and the said Giles Drew havinge a wife and two smale Children and noe meanes to maintaine them but his owne labor; Arthur Pyne and Thomas Light, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, desired by the Court to call the overseers of Langport before them, and yf they see cause to settle some course for his releife herein. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 101, 102.]

7. Whereas yt appeareth unto this Court that there were certaine Differences betweene the parishoners of Canington and

the parishoners of Hunspill concerninge the settlinge of a Child that was left in Canington aforesaid, and beinge by order of this Court settled on the said parish of Canington: It is therefore thought fitt and soe ordered by this Court that twenty nobles shall bee equally paid by the treasurers of the Hospitalls of both Divisions to the parishoners of Canington aforesaid towards the reliefe and maintenance of the said Child. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 92, 100.]

8. Whereas George Pulman and Thomas Hillard, the constables of Martock, Did in 1625 receaue tenn pounds to the vse of Elizabeth Aprice, a Dumm maid, to bee imployed for her <sup>which</sup> hath not since binn paid her, Pulman lately is Dead, and left his wife Executrix or Administratrix: It was uppon debate by agreement of the pties referred by the Court to the hearinge and endinge of James Rosse and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, two of his Maties Justices, who are to call the said Hillard, Pulman's Executrix or Administratrix, Elizabeth Aprice, and all others her freinds whom yt concerneth before them, and to end the said Differences yf they may, or yf they cannot then to bind the parties reflectory to the next Sessions of the peace, then and there to certifie this Court what they haue Donn herein. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 80, 99.]

9. Uppon the humble petiçon of the Inhabitants of Othery vnto this Court preferred that whereas the market way called Burrow wall for horse and foote to passe is very foundeours and in Decay, soe that none cann passe over the said wall without greate Daunger both of themselves and their horses, and for that yt cannot certainly appeare who ought to repaire the same, This Court Doth hereuppon Desire that Sr John Stawell, Knight, Robte Cuffe, William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them, will be pleased to send for such parties as the premisses concerne, and vppon examinaçon of the parties to certifie at the next Sessions what course they haue taken therein. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 96; ii, 42.]

10. Order confirming the finding of Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, that the inhabitants of Middlezoy ought to

paie the third parte towards the repairinge of a certaine bridge called Burrow Clies in respect of the differences between them and the parishioners of Othery. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 78, 83, 95.]

11. John Latch, a poore impotent man borne in Churchill, havinge noe settled abidinge place there to erect a cottage upon some part of the waste of the manor of Churchill, he having obtained a note from the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Lord of the manor giving his consent. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91.]

13. Ordered that John Symes, Robert Cuffe, and Thomas Brereton, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them, whereof one to bee of the Quorum, Doe vew, oversee and Survey the bookes and extracts of the Amerciaments of the Countie or Sheriffes Court of the last yeare, in which S<sup>r</sup> francis Doddington, Knight, was Sheriffe. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 90.]

14. That William Watts of Stoakelane in the said Countie, tayler, shall before the end of this present Sessions giue Richard Launsdon of Rodney Stoake, yeoman, sufficient securitie for the paiement of fower pounds of Current money at or before the fower and twentieth daie of June next ensuinge. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 79, 82.]

15. Whereas Complaint was made unto this Court of Diverse fowle misdemeanors cōmitted by one John Derham a Cōmon Informer, that hee hath bin heretofore Convicted for a Cōmon Barrector [*sic*] and now againe standth indicted for the same, and that he is soe poore a man that yf any recoverie should bee hadd against him uppon any Informaçon hee is not able to paie Costs; It is therefore ordered by this Court that noe Informaçons shall bee hereafter receaued of him in this Court, and that the psecuçon of all the informaçons which he hath alreddy exhibited shall cease vntill the said Derham shall haue answered the misdemeanors wherof hee now standeth indicted and accused. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 81.]

16. Whereas this Court is Informed that Stephan Nayler of Mells, fuller, hath heretofore assigned an Apprentice of his one Simon Wheler unto one Philip Bradford for to Continue with him Duriſge the residue of his Terme which this Court thought not fitt; It is therefore ordered by this Court that the said Simon Wheller shall forthwith returne to his old master Stephan Nayler, and there to continue with him Duriſge the residue of his Terme, and that the said Simon Wheller at the end of this Terme shall bee paid *v*i**. from his said master Stephan Nayler, unlesse his said master Nayler shall make him perfect in his trade of a Cloathworker.

17. Upon the humble petiçon of the Inhabitants of ffroome and other pishes neere adjacent thereabouts unto this Court preferred concerninge certaine greevances and other vexatious troubles which they the said Inhabitants are like wrongfully and unjustly to suffer supposed in their petiçon. And for that yt is supposed by the said petiçon that one Richard Batten and Arthur Grymes (by Coler of a warrant from the Earle of Holland) are the cheife Agents herein, this Court Doth hereupon Desire that Ralph Hopton, John Horner, Kts., Robte Hopton, William Bassett, John Harrington and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., Justics, or any three of them, will be pleased to send for all such parties before them whome the premisses may concerne and that uppon the Examinaçon of the causes of greevances they will be pleased to certifie unto the said Earle what they haue Donn herein for the better redresse of the wronges which the said poore Inhabitants are supposed to suffer, or to take such farther order therin as they in their Discreçons shall thinke fitt. [*S.R.*, lxvii, iii, 71.]

18. Uppon the humble petiçon of Alce Androwes, widdow, concerninge the placeinge of Henrie Androwes, her sonn, as an Apprentice with one Thomas Davys *als*. Corbett to the trade of a weaver who (as is Informed by the said petiçon) Did take a bill of the said Alce in three pounds for the paiment of thirty shillinges for the takeinge of him an apprentice, and did cause the Indentures to bee made in the name of himselfe and Elizabeth his mother, hee beinge noe howse holder nor ever bound to the

trade, since which tyme the said Henry Androwes, for want of Due foode and Rayment, was inforced to Departe and leaue the said Davys and now lately the said Davyes hath put the said Bill in suite: Order desiring Sr John Horner, Knight, and Robte Hopton, Esqr., to examine the differences in question. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 74, 75.]

19. Uppon hearinge the differences betweene the parishes of Long Sutton and Langporte, touchinge the settlinge of one William Dudley, his wife, and fower children, who Dwelt by the space of Seaven yeares in the parishe of Langport, partly uppon his owne Tenement and partly uppon others which hee rented; And now the parishioners of Langport Doe labor to turne and settle him in the parish of Long Sutton where he was borne; Arthur Pyne and Thomas Lyte, Esqrs., to examine all the circumstances, and to take order for the settling of the said Dudley, his wife and children. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 72, 73.]

20. Whereas uppon the humble petiçon of the Inhabitants of Lynges unto this Court preferred there is a certaine Cawsway in the said parish-founderowse and in Decay by meanes whereof the said inhabitants and others his Maties Leidge people without greate Daunger both of horse and foote cannot passe and for that yt doth appeare that the said tythinge and parish of Lynges ought to repaire the same; John Symes, Robte Cuffe and George Powlett, or any two of them, to take such speedy course for the repairing thereof, as possibly they can, or otherwise to certifie at the next Sessions what they have Donn herein. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 98. See Ilchester Sessions.]

21. Uppon the petiçon of Thomas Portnell, Curate, of South Petherton, unto the Court preferred therein shewing that there haue binn Diverse great abuses offered unto him and others by one William Marshall, a sheriffes Bailiffe, and others of his Company, by takeinge and extorting fees and other abuses (as in the said peticon is alleged).—Desired that Sir George Speake, Knight, William Wallrond and James Rosse, Esqrs., or any two of them, will be pleased to send for such parties before them,

and examine the truth thereof and to take such course therein as they shall think fit, and to certify at the next Sessions what they have done therein. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 77 ; ii, 38.]

#### INFORMATIONS.

22. Andrew Tincknell maketh oath, etc., against William Coxe of Butleigh, yeom<sup>n</sup> for usinge the trade of a Baker, not beinge Apprentice. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 57.]

23. William Hackett now maketh oath, etc., against Robte Edwards of Durston, against John Southway, of the same, for ingrossinge of Corne, against Robte Leave of Highbridge, yeom<sup>n</sup>, for ingrossinge butter, Cheese and Corne, against William Baker of Periton, yeom<sup>n</sup>, for the same offence, against John Bigg the younger, of Wriglington, for usinge the trade of a baker. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 58.]

24. Jeffrey Brooman of North Petherton, yeom<sup>n</sup>, maketh oath against Thomas Blinman of Quantoxhead, yeom<sup>n</sup>, Richard Cox of Glaston, yeom<sup>n</sup>, John Wrinckmore of the same, yeom<sup>n</sup>, John Perry of Chard, Miller, all of which are for ingrossinge of Corne, Contrary, etc., against George Parsons of Chinnock Clarke for extortion uppon the statute of usury, John Wythy of Glaston, for the same offence, Robte How of Liddeard St. Lawrence, for buyinge corne in ground contrary, etc. Richard Dobyn of North-Petherton, for not tellinge of his ground Contrary, etc., and William Daw of St. Decumas, for keepinge unlawful games, All which offences, etc. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 59.]

25. Att this Sessions John Hewishe is ordered to haue three pounds payed unto him by the Tresuror of the hospitals of the Easter Division havinge receved hurte in his hed by workinge at Mendipp provt p. peticon vt [?] certificat in fyle Taunton octavo.

26. Whereas Richard Panes was bounden over to this Sessions for refusinge to serve in the office of a Tythingman in the parish and Tythinge of Butcombe for a tenement which he there holdeth from which said office he pretendeth to be freed in consideracon of some other service that are [*sic*] and have byn Donne and performed by him and the former Owners of the



said Tenement, whereupon yt is thought fitt by this Courte and soe ordered that John Batten the now Tythingman shall serve the said office for this yeare and that the said Richard Pawnes shall paye unto the said John Batten the Sume of *xs*/<sub>4</sub> in lue of the said service this year ; And yf the Judges of Assize for this Circuite shall give Direcons or Declare their Opinions that the said Richard Pawnes ought not to serve the said office for the said Tenement but to be freed from the said service, that then the said tenn Shillings shalbe repayed againe unto the said Pawnes by him who of right ought to have served in the said office for that yeare.

27. Whereas Christopher Wyne of Bruton in the countie aforesaide havinge Condiconed to take John Michell, a poore childe of the said Towne of Bruton to bee his Apprentice, and entertained and kept him in his service as an apprentice ; Afterwards to the trouble and charge of the said Towne and in stubbornes and contempt towards the said towne and some of his Mats. Justices of the peace did putt the said apprentice out of his service backe againe upon the said Towne, Whereby the officers of the said Towne were Constrayned to provide another Master for the said John Michell to their trouble and Chardge ; And the said Christopher Wyne after that the said John Michell was placed with another Master att the Chardge of the said Towne and with the allowance and Consent of two of his Mats Justices of the peace (the said Wyne not havinge then any Indenture for the said apprentice) did procure an Indenture from the mother of the said apprentice without the knowledge of any of the said Towne, and in Contempt of the said Towne and Justics of peace Did and Doth yett Threaten that hee will in spite of Towne and Justics, haue the said Apprentise from his Master againe, beinge soe placed as aforesaid, And for other Causes now appearinge unto this Court ; it is thereupon ordered that the said John Michell shalbe Dischardged from his said apprenticeshipp with the said Christopher Wyne, And that the Contracts and agreemts betweene them shalbe utterly frustrate and void, And further that it shalbe lawfull for any person whatsoeſ to take the said John Michell into service notwith-

standinge his former apprentishipp with the said Christofer Wyne. He. Berkeley, Gerard Wood, Jo. ffarewell, John Harrington.

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GENERAL SESSIONS HELD AT ILCHESTER the 11th and 12th days of April, 8 Charles (1632), before Sir Henry Berkley, knt., Paul Godwyn, D.D., Gerard Wood, D.D., Robert Hopton, Robert Henley, John Harrington, Francis Baber, William Walrond, James Rosse, James Farewell, John Harbyn, Thomas Lyte, and Abraham Burrell, Esquires.

#### BADGERS' LICENCES.

William Joyce of Pill to be a Common badger of Corne to be bought in any open marketts within this County and to sell the same in Meale or otherwise within the same County, not exceedinge the quantety of xvi bushells weekly for one year. Henry Berkly, Robt. Hopton, John Harrington.

William Hitchcocke of Temple Combe, licenced to be a badger of butter and cheese and to sell at Exiter or other marketts in Devon not to travell with above 4 horses at one time, for one year. Henr. Berkly, Robt. Hopton, John Harrington. Richard Parfytt, of West lidford, a badger of Corne, to be bought in open fayres and marketts in Wiltes and Somerset and sould in this County, and not elsewhere, not to exceed xvj bushells weekly. Henr. Berkly, Robt. Hopton, W. Walrond.

1. Whereas yt appeareth by a certificate under the hand and seale of Francis Baber, Esqr., lord of the Mannor of Chew in this Countie, that hee hath given his leave and consent unto Thomas Fisher of Bishopps Sutton in the said parish of Chew to erect him a Cottage for his habitacon uppon a Close of pasture called Howses parrocke, Containinge halfe an acre lyinge in Bishopps Sutton aforesaid: Ordered that yt shall and maie bee lawfull for the said Thomas Fisher to erect his said Cottage. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 9, 10; ii, 43.]

2. Order made upon the findinge and certificate of John Symes and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., that the inhabitants and tithing of Lynge Doe forthwith take speedy course for the repairinge of the said Cawsway there. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 30 (testimony of oldest inhabitants), 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 54 ; ii, 37.]

3. Whereas uppon the peticon of Tristram Morse, keeper of the howse of Correccion in Taunton, yt appeareth unto this Court that the said house of correccion is altogether Decayed in the ledds and Coveringe thereof and lyeth soe open that such lewd persons as are committed to his Custody maie easily escape without some speedy amendment bee thereof made ; v<sup>z</sup>. shall bee forthwith be paid to the said Tristram Morse by the Treasurer of Hospitals of the Western Division. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 38, 52.]

4. John Shephard of Wells, plumber, who had perfected a worke in and uppon the gaol at Ivelchester which amounteth to the some of fiftie five shillings at the lowest rate which the Court uppon the peticon of the said plumber thinke fitt to be satisfied, to be paid that amount by both the Treasurers of the Hospitals by equal portions. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 37, 51.]

5. Whereas at the Sessions holden for this Countie at Wells Anno Septimo Regis Caroli uppon Informaçon of the parishioners of Huntspill that one Robte Gibbs was a covenant servant unto one M<sup>rs</sup> Luttrell of Lilstoake in the said Countie, widdow, by the space of one yeare, and there in her service by the felling of a tree did breake one of his thighs whereby the said Gibbs became a meighmed man and not able to get his livinge, and after that his yeare ended the said Gibbs was sent to the said parish of Huntspill where he was borne, whereuppon yt was then ordered by the Court that the said Gibbs should be forthw<sup>th</sup> sent to Lillstocke there to bee settled and provided for accordinge to law ; for as much as this Court was now informed and the said Informaçon offered to bee approved by witnesses that though the said Gibbs was reteyned as a servant by the said M<sup>rs</sup> Luttrell yet the said Gibbs was employed by the said M<sup>rs</sup> Luttrell in husbandry uppon a Tenement Called White-weeke situate within the parish of Stogursey and there hadd

his abidinge wth Dyett and lodginge for the most parte of his tyme that he was soe in service wth the said M<sup>rs</sup> Luttrell, the said Gibbs by felling of a tree on the said Tenement Called whitewecke became meighmed as aforesaid at which said Tenement the said Gibbs allsoe Continued untill the ende of his said Terme and service wth the said M<sup>rs</sup> Luttrell, never returninge into the said parish of Lilstoake untill he was brought thither by vertue of the order above menconed ; Order made settling him in the parish of Stogursey where he had his abiding and was employed the most part of the year where also he receaved his said meighme and hurte. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 50, 93.]

6. The petition of the parishioners of Durston respecting a certain rate imposed upon them by the Constables of the hundred of North Petherton referred to Sir John Stawell, Knight, and William ffranceis, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 15, 49.]

7. The quietinge of diverse differences betweene Henry Smyth of Doniett in this Countie, Clarke, and Diverse others of the piçonens of Doniett referred to Sir George Speake, Knight, William Wallrond, James Rosse, and Arthur Pyne, Esq<sup>rs</sup>. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 48.]

8. Whereas yt appeareth by the certificate under the hands of the said Mr. Cuffe and Mr. Burrell that the parish of Othery aforesaid ought to repaire the sayd way and passage upon Burrow wall, and that the backe and face of the said wall should bee maintained by those whome yt Doth concerne and antiently haue soe Donn : Order made that the said parishioners of Othery shall forthwith repair the said way, and that the same Justices to be pleased once again to Consider thereof if they might be further satisfied therein by the said parishioners of Othery. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 36, 47, 53, 78.]

9. The difference betweene the pishoners of Shapwicke and the towne of Glaston concerninge the setling of a Child of John Parker borne in Glaston, once again referred to Sir Edward Rodney and Doct. Godwine for further inquiry. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 46.]

10. Uppon the humble peticon of Joane Cabble in the behalfe of George Cabble her sonn unto this Court preferred that whereas one John Willie of South Petherton, tailor, havinge taken the said George Cabble as his Apprentice for seaven yeares havinge received w<sup>th</sup> him of his poore freinds the some of fiftie shillings since which tyme his said master for his owne private ends for lucre only of the said mony hath put away his said Apprentice, refusinge to entertain him any longer or to repaie the said fiftie shillings for the placinge him else where; Referred to Sir George Speake, knight, and William Wallrond, Esqr. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 16, 45 ; ii, 88, 89.]

11. Order made for the payment of 8<sup>d</sup> weekly "for and towards the necessarie releefe of a child born in the parish of Chedzoie." [S.R., lxvii, iii, 41.]

[INFORMATIONS.]

12. Jeffery Brooman now maketh oath, etc., against James Knight of Brumfield, yeom., Alexander Vyle of Ayshbittle, yeom., Robte Slocombe of Over Stowey, husband., John Gillen of Pawlet, yeom., Thomas Nicholls of Puriton, yeom., against John Leaky thelder of St. Decumas, yeom., for ingrossinge of wheate and other graines, Contrary, etc. ; against Phillip Humber of Swallow Cleefe in Com. Wilts for Extorcon in usury in this Countie, against Richard Gatcombe and John Gatcombe of Pawlet, yeom., for buyinge of live Cattle and sellinge them within five weeks, Bartholmew Slape of Kingston for the same offence, Contrary, etc. ; Richard Billinge of Baltonsborow, yeom., for extortion in usury, Robte Dyer and William Meaker of Martocke, yeom., for buyinge of Coles and other fewell to sell againe, Contrary, etc., Hugh Baunton of Uphatch [Hatch Beauchamp], Clarke, for shootinge of fesants, William Symes and William [ ] of Weston, yeom., for shootinge in handgunns, Contrary, etc. [S.R., lxvii, iii, 55.]

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON the 3rd, 4th and 5th days of July, 8 Charles (1632), before Sir John Stawell, K.B., Sir Thomas Windham, Sir Francis Doddington, Knights, John Symes, John Harrington, William Francis, William Walrond, Arthur Pyne, Robert Cuffe, George Poulett, William Every, Richard Cole, and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

1. Licenses graunted this Sessions:—

Christofer Rogers of Wellington, yeoman, to be a common badger and to bye butter and Cheese, one hundred wayte of butter weekly and two hundred wayte of Cheese weekly, and to sell againe within the open marketts of Somersett to continue for one whole year. Tho. Lyte, Ricus Cole, Robtus Cuff, Wiffus Every.

Edward Lidford of Sparkford to be a maulster, and to bye in open marketts at Hindon and Shaston three-quarters of barley weekly to convert into mault, and to sell yt againe at Sidmoth in Devon, and to returne thence with his horses laden with salt fishe or other Comodeties, to continue for one year.

2. Whereas John Paule, sonne of William Paule of Ilmister, was putt unto Jesper Denham, gent., to be an apprentice, It is thought fytt and this day ordered that the said Jesper Denham shalbe discharged of the said Apprentice uppon condicon that he shall receve another such as Wiffm Walrond and Arthur Pyne, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, Justics of the peace, shall thinke fytt. Jo. Stawell, Tho. Windham, John Symes, John Harrington.

3. John Collens, the sonne of Thomas Collens of Stowell, to be released from his apprenticeship with Wiffm Eyres, broad weaver; the said Wiffm Eyres hath not used his said apprentice well in not allowinge him sufficient meate, drinke and other necessaryes; upon condition that his father should place him with some fytt master such as Sir Ralph Hopton and Sir Henry Barkly, kt., or one of them shall thinke fytt.

4. William Portman, Baronett, Tresuror for the hospitalls of the wester division and William Capell, Esq<sup>r</sup>., for the easter

division ; And Witm Every and Richard Colle, Esqr., to take the Accoumpte of the last Tresurors. [S.R., lxvii, i, 19 ; account of John Hippisley for eastern division ; 20, of Will. Bull for western.]

5. John Cornwall, gent., to receive yearly during his life of the Tresuror of the meighmed Souldiers, 10*li*. for his service doun in the warrs. [S.R., lxvii, i, 12.]

6. Whereas yt appeareth unto the Court that there arr certaine differences betweene the parishon<sup>s</sup> of Meare and the parishon<sup>s</sup> of Baltisbury concerninge the setlinge of Daniell Cary, his wyfe and childe, which said Daniell was borne in Baltisborowe and there lived by the space of sixteene yeres and since lived in diverse other places within this County of Somerset, and that about Michas. last he beinge destitute of service came to Meare, where he was employed in worke by Diverse of the Inhabitants there and there married, And the said parishioners of Meare, percevinge them lickly to become chargable to the parishe by reson of his said marriage, retorned him unto Baltisborowe where he was borne, who refused to receve him. Referred to Sir Edward Rodney, Kt., Paule Godwyn, D.D., and Abraham Burrell, Esqr., to take some spedye course for the setlinge of them yf they may, and to certifie their proceedings herein at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxvii, ii, 57 ; i, 6, 11.]

7. Order settling Parker's child in the parish of Shapwick [See Ivelchester Sessions, No. 9.]

Concerninge the question betweene Shapwicke and Glaston for the setlinge of John Parker's childe, our opinion is that yf this Informacon followinge be true, viz., that John Parker havinge a tenement in Shapwicke for three lyves and there residinge for many yeaes, was called by his mother the widdow Ellice of Glaston to mannage her Estate there with whome he resided about two yeres in which time this Childe in question was borne at Glaston, he there and then or shortly after Dyed and instantly thereuppon the widdowe Parker, w<sup>th</sup> her whole family removed to their owne Tenement at Shapwicke and there resided together with this Childe in question untill the two

lives by which the Tenement was held (viz<sup>t</sup>, the widdowes owne and her daughter) dyed, and the said Tenement fell into the Lord's hands. Presently uppon which or about a month after, the overseers of Shapwicke brought the said Childe to one George Clarke of Glaston and he refusinge to receve yt, they layed yt downe at the Church howse doore and presently went away from yt, and left yt, where yt hath byn kept ever since at the Charge of the Towne. If this informacon (wee say) be true our opinion is that yt ought to be kept by Shapwicke, and Glaston to be repayed their charge. This Informacon is given and offered to be proved uppon oathe by Mr. Tho. Brooke, Richard Vayle, Constable, Richard Oram, Jeffery Awstine, John Kinge and others, Decem. 31, 1631. Ed. Rodney, Pa. Godwyn.

After the refference from Wells Sess<sup>s</sup>. wee meete [*sic*] againe, re-examined the cause aforesaid, but found noe matter prayed on the behalfe of Shapicke to change our former opinion. Ed. Rodney, Pa. Godwyn. [*S.R.*, lxvii, ii, 79, 81.]

8. Diverse of the most sufficient and richer sorte of men of the parishe of Lyng who doe refuse to contribute or to repayre Lyng Caseway, to be bound over to the next Sessions to answer to their contempts. The said Caseway ordered to be forthwith repaired. [*S.R.*, lxvii, ii, 80 ; i, 5, 8.]

9. The difference between the parishioners of Baltonsborow and the inhabitants of Glaston concerning the settling of one Joane Carye referred to Walter Lo. Bishopp of Bath and Wells, and Paule Godwyne, D.D.

10. Whereas we haue receaued diuerse letters from the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Livetenant of the Countie of Somerst and other the Lords of his Maties most hon<sup>ble</sup> privie Councell intimatinge and Comendinge unto us the good service of John Cornwall, gent., that hee hath performed in the late warrs beyond the seas both at Cales and the Isle of Ree, and that wee should now gratifie his service beinge our Countriman, havinge receaved many hurts in the said warrs, we haue therefore thought fitt and doe give and allowe unto the said John Cornwall one pencon or yearly payment of x*li*. duringe the terme of his naturall life to bee paid unto him by the treasurers of the



meighmed souldiers halfe yearly duringe the said Terme and the first paim<sup>t</sup> thereof to beginn at this Sessions. [See also No. 5 ; S.R., lxvii, i, 25, is the original letter with signatures of Lords Manchester, Lindsey, Derby, Dorset, Bridgwater, Cottington.]

11. Uppon the humble petiçon of Beniamine Reede, Arthur Carter, Edward Cooke and Henry Rowse, waywardens of the parish of Canington, that whereas a Certaine bridge Called Blackmore bridge lyinge and beinge in the parish of Canington hath binn these xij<sup>o</sup> yeares in Decay and verie founderaus which the said waywardens findinge for want of repaçon more and more to Decay haue sufficiently repaired the said bridge, havinge laid out the sum of xxij<sup>sh</sup> for the repaire thereof since w<sup>ch</sup> tyme the said waywardens haue Desired the said pariconers of Canington (who ought to repaire the said bridge) to make an equall rate for the Charges soe laid out of purse by them, who altogether refuse to Doe the same without an order from the quarter Sessions of the peace to be held for the said Countie. Referred to Robte Cuffe and George Powlet, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to make an equal rate for the repair of the said bridge and to bind the parties refractory to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxvii, ii, 45 ; i, 13.]

12. Uppon the humble peticon of the Collectors for the poore of Spaxton preferred unto this showinge that whereas one Elizabeth Hurtnoll of Spaxton, widdowe, beinge leftt possessed by the death of her husband, of a Chattle, yearly worth iij*/*z., since w<sup>ch</sup> time one M<sup>r</sup> Cole, a minister, her kinsman, and Laurence Cole, her brother, combinding together caused her to make an estate in trust to them of the said Chattle since which tyme yt hath pleased God to visit her with an extreame sicknesse that shee hade rotted where shee lyeth yf shee hadd not binn succored by her neighbors Charitie, whose misery hath binn made knowne to her said brother and kinsman who (notwithstandinge her estate made knowne unto them) altogether refuse to give her any succor ; this Court Doth hereuppon desire George Pawlet and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, two of his Maties Justices of peace for the Countie aforesaid wilbe pleased to send for the said Lawrence Cole, her brother, and M<sup>r</sup>. Cole the minister, her kinsman before them and examine the matter now in question, and

to take some speedy Course with her said brother and kinsman yf they Cann towards her releife or to Certifie at the next Sessions what they haue Donn herein. [S.R., lxvii, ii, 56; i, 14.]

13. Whereas upon the humble request of James Robins of Kingston, yeoman, yt is Desired that this Court willbe pleased to make some order for the releife of Ann Robins his Daughter in lawe, and six small children who sithence the decease of her husband are much impoverished and haue alreddy become Chargable to the pish of Woolavington, where they lived and yet liue; this Court doth hereuppon order that the said James Robins shall paie or cavse to bee paid unto the abouenamed Ann Robins his Daughter in lawe, the some of tenn pounds yearly to bee paid personally every moneth accordinge to his owne voluntarie prefer unto this Court under his hand, and shall keepe that Child of hers that is now with him as hee himselfe alsoe desireth; and yt is farther ordered by the Court that the said James Robins shall repaie to the Overseers of Woolavington at St. James tyde next the some of x<sup>l</sup><sup>sh</sup> which they haue alreddy disbursed towards her maintenance. [S.R., lxvii, ii, 44; i, 15.]

14. An order made the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1632, by Walter Lord Bishoppe of Bathe and Wells and Paul Godwin for the payment of £10 for and Concerninge the educacon or bringinge upp of a child born at Chelcot within the parish of St. Cuthberts in Wells. [S.R., lxvii, i, 17.]

15. An order made by John Harbin and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., for and Concerninge the fosteringe educacon and bringinge upp of one Joane born in Yevell. Dated 3rd day of May, 1632. [S.R., lxvii, i, 18.]

16. An order made by Sir Henry Berckley, Kt., and James ffarwell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 1632, as well for the keepinge and bringinge upp of a child born in the parish of North Cadbury, as allsoe for the better releife of the said parish of North Cadbury, etc. [S.R., lxvii, i, 21.]

17-18. Informations laid by John Owen and Christopher Walford.

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER the 18th, 19th, and 20th days of September, 8 Charles (1632), before Sir Edward Powell, Knight and Baronet, Sir Thomas Windham, Sir Edward Rodney, Knights, John Harrington, William Francis, George Powlett, Robert Cuffe, William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esquires.

1. Richard Cole, Esqr., chosen Tresuror of the meighmed souldiers for the yere next followinge ; Sr Edward Rodney, Kt., and George Poulett, Esqr., to take the Accoumpts of William Walrond, Esqr., the last Tresuror. [S.R., lxvii, i, 26, account of Will. Walrond.]

2. Captayne Carne, Muster Master, to be paid 3*l*. 5*s*. apiece by the Tresurors of hospitalls for his arrerages this yere now endinge.

3. Whereas there are certaine defferences betweene the hundred of North Petherton and the Burrowe of Bridgwater concerninge the rates and payments due and payable out of the said hundred ; the said Burrowe with Haygrove ordered to pay for and towards the said Rates and payments the third pte as formerly and anciently they haue used to paye. [S.R., lxvii, i, 28.]

4. Petition of the Constables of the hundred of North Curry showinge that they are overcharged in raysinge of the increse monye of fyftie pounds yerely payable in this County to the Tresuror of the meighmed Souldiers ; referred to John Symes and Robte Cuffe, Esquires. [S.R., lxvii, i, 29, 72.]

5. Such parishioners of the parish of Othery as refuse to repair "Burrowe wall" ordered to be bound over to appear at the next Sessions to answer their several contempts. [S.R., lxvii, i, 30, 82.]

6. Divers of the parishioners of Lyng having made their submission for not repairing the Caseway there and having promised to do so with the rest of the inhabitants, these, by the feast of All Saints next were discharged. If they should refuse again this Court doth desire Robte Cuffe, Esqr., to bind the pties refractory to the next Sessions of the peace againe. [S.R., lxvii, i, 31, 83.]

7. Uppon the humble peticon of the piconers of West Lidford, that there are two Comon bridges lyinge over the River of West Lidford aforesaid now become founderaus and are like to bee further Decayed without some speedy Course bee forth-with taken for the repaire of them, etc. Referred to Sr Ralphe Hopton and Henry Berckley, Kts., Paule Godwyn, D.D., Thomas Lyte, James ffarewell, John Harbyn, Esqrs., or any fower of them. [S.R., lxvii, i, 32, 84, 88.]

8. An order made by Sr George Speake, Kt., Robte Henley and James Rosse, Esqrs., the 25th day of August, 1632, touchinge the relief of a child born at Crewkerne. [S.R., lxvii, i, 38.]

9. An order touchinge the Reliefe and maintenance of a child born in the parish of West Hatch sett Downe by George Pawlet and Robte Cuffe, Esqrs. Dated the 18th day of September, 1632. [S.R., lxvii, i, 39.]

10. xv<sup>o</sup> Die Septembris, 1632. An order sett Downe and established by Sr ffrancis Popham, Kt., and ffrancis Baber, Esqr., touchinge a child born in the parish of Kainsham. [S.R., lxvii, i, 40.]

11, 12. Informations laid by Jeffrey Brooman and William Harris.

13. Christofer Stowdley of Chardstoke in the County of Dorsett who had been bound forth an apprentice by the consent of his father unto Alexander Whoytes of Charde, to be brought up in the trade of a Joyner, since which time his said Master is deceased whose wydowe is sithence married to one Arthur Clarke of the same pfession, to continue with the said Arthur

Clarke untill the said Terme of seven yeares be expired. [S.R., lxvii, i, 33.]

14. Upon the petition of Matthew Walton and Thomas Carter, waywardens of Cannington, respecting xxis<sup>l</sup>. laid out by them towards repairing Cannington bridge. George Poulett, Robte Cuffe, Wilm Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., desired to send for the parishioners of Cannington and cause some two or three of the most sufficient men of the said parish to make an Indifferent rate for the speedy levyinge of the said xx<sup>s</sup>. [*sic*] soe disbursed, together with such costs as the said waywardens have expended in and about the same. [S.R., lxvii, i, 35, 44.]

15. James Bennett, who was bound out by the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Winsham, as an apprentice to one Richard Staple of the same parish, weaver, to be discharged from his apprenticeship, the said Richard Staple not being fytt to keepe the said apprentice. [S.R., lxvii, i, 36, 43.] .

16. John Mourtou of Wedmore to be relieved of one John Popham apprenticed to him for the term of eight years to learn the trade of a woollen weaver, in whose service the said Popham hath behaved himself very lewdly and dissolutely in absenting himself from his master's service, and stealing of henns and other goods from his said master's neighbours. [S.R., lxvii, i, 37, 90.]

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS, the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th days of January, 8 Charles (1632-3), before Sir William Portman, Baronet, Sir Ralph Hopton, K.B., Sir Ferdinand Gorge, Sir Robert Phelipps, Sir Edward Rodney, Knights, Gerard Wood, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., Robert Hopton, John Harrington, Francis Baber, John Farewell, Richard Cole, Rice Davies, James Farewell, Butt, and Abraham Burrell, Esquires.

Johes Bull and Thomas Bull, of Long Sutton, to be Common Drovers, and to bye all manner of cattle in open fayres and

marketts in such sheeres and Countyes or elsewhere where Drovers use to bye soe yt be not by forstallinge.

Willm. Portman, Ra. Hopton, Ed. Rodney, Will. Capell, John Harrington.

1. Thomas White, gent., of Shepton Mallett, who had pleaded his exemption from serving the office of tithingman in respect of certain tenements there "in regard of his employmt as an Attorney of his Maties Court of Kings bench, and to that purpose hath procured as *subsedeas* out of the said Court of Kings bench for his discharge"; it was ordered that the occupiers of the said tenements under the said Mr. White shall Doe the said office of Tythingman. [S.R., lxix, ii, 68.]

2. Such of the inhabitants of Othery who should refuse to repair or contribute towards the reparation of Burrow wall to be bound over to the next General Sessions. [S.R., lxix, ii, 67.]

3. Whereas there are certaine differences betweene the Inhabitants of the parish of St. John's in Glaston and Diverse Tennants of Sir Charles Berkley concerninge certaine rates to the poore of Glaston aforesaid which are made in respect of certaine grounds in Norwood parke uppon the Tennants of the said Sir Charles Berkley which said grounds are alleged to bee within the said parishe, soe subject to the said rates, and for that yt is alleged that the said grounds are not liable to the said paiments nor within the said parishe, yet yt is thought fitt and ordered for the present releife of the poore of the said parishe that *iiij/i*. shall be forthwith paid to the Overseers of the poore of the said parishe until the matter in difference bee determined. [S.R., lxix, ii, 65.]

4. Diverse of the inhabitants of Lyng who had been bound over to these Sessions for not repairing Lyng "Cawsway" having promised that it should be sufficiently repaired according to the former order by the 22nd day of April next, the which John Wyndham, Esqr, hath allsoe undertaken to see pformed, released from being further bound to their good behaviour. And in the meane tyme all paines and amercian<sup>ts</sup> in the Court of the said

Mannor of Lyngge uppon any of the Inhabitants of Lyngge concerninge the said Cawsway shall be stayed and not estreated and leveyed uppon them: any refusinge, to be bound again to their good behaviour. [S.R., lxix, ii, 41, 64.]

5. Whereas Thomas Duche of Hambridge was bound over to this Sessions for refusinge to give any maintenance unto fower poore children of one George Duche sonne of the said Thomas Duche but sufferinge the said children to lye uppon the charge of the parishe of Kingsbury the said Thomas Duche beinge a man of sufficiency and grandfather of the said children, yt is at this Sessions ordered by the consent of the said Thomas Duche that he the said Thomas Duche shall allow and pay unto the Overseers of the poore of the said parishe of Kingsbury the some of six pounds yearly and to bee payd monthly from this tyme for and towards the releife of the said fower children and to bee by them employed accordingly, and this paiment to continue untill a suite now Dependenge in his Maties high Court of Chancery betweene the said Thomas Duche and Ruben Cooke and Margery Duche concerninge the same bee fully heard and ended. [S.R., lxix, ii, 69.]

6. Whereas there were certaine ameracements imposed uppon the parishioners of Wookey in this Countie for not repairinge of a certaine way lyinge neere Bleadon hay within the said parishe of Wookey and whereas one of the said ameracements have binn leveyed uppon Susan Hixe widdow who hath peticoned this Court that the said ameracements may bee equally and proporconably paid by the men and Inhabitants of the said parishe of Wookey: Sir Edward Rodney, Kt., Gerrard Wood and Paule Godwin, D.D., or any two of them, to cause any equal rate within the said parish for the satisfaction of the said amercement so levied. [S.R., lxix, ii, 63.]

7. Whereas John Beard was bound out an Apprentice to John Gibbs of Wellow in the said Countie, husband., by the consent of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Wellow aforesaid with him said to bee brought upp in husbandry and whereas sithence the said John Gibbs not findinge the boy fitt for his service hath againe put him out as an Apprentice to a blacksmyth for the

terme of xij<sup>d</sup> yeares by the consent of all the parties who formerly placed the boy with him this Court doth hereuppon order that the said John Beard shall be discharged from his said former master Gibbs. [S.R., lxix, ii, 18, 62.]

8. Thomas Hooper, who had been bound out an apprentice unto William Vowles of Westbury, husbandman, with the consent of the Churchwardens and overseers of Rodney Stoke to be discharged from his master in whose service the said boy hath lived very lewdly and dissolutely by often absenting himselfe from his said master's service. [S.R., lxix, ii, 61.]

9. Whereas there have binn ameracements leveyed uppon some of the parishioners of the towne of Kainsham for not repairinge of a bridge called Horse poole bridge lyinge nere Kainsham aforesaid which said bridge beinge now sufficiently repaired the said parishoners on whome the said amercmnts were leveyed have desired this Court that the said amercmnts and charges soe leveyed and by them disbursed may bee equally and proportionably paied by the men and Inhabitants of the said towne of Kainsham. Order by the Court that an equal rate should be made accordingly. [S.R., lxix, ii, 10, 60.]

10. Uppon the petition of the Inhabitants of Walcot, whereas there is now a difference betweene them and the Maior and Corporation of Bathe concerninge certain duties paiable pay [*sic*] the said Corporation out of a certaine ground belonginge to them lyinge within the pishe of Wallcott aforesayd, the owners of which ground have tyme out of minde heretofore paid rateably with the parishon<sup>rs</sup> of Walcot : Sir Francis Popham, Knight, John Harrington and William Bassett, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to send for the said Maior or such for them as they shall make choice of there to shew Causes why they should not pay to all Rates for the said ground within the said parishe of Walcot as the owners of the said ground used heretofore to paie, and to certifie at the next Sessions the cause why they should not Doe the same. [S.R., lxix, ii, 17, 59.]

11. Certain amerciements imposed upon the parishioner of Canington for not repairing a highway lying within the said parish



and which had been wholly leveyed uppon Henry Richards of Canington aforesaid, to be equally and proportionably paid by the inhabitants of the said parish. [S.R., lxix, ii, 9, 58.]

12. In respect of the difference between the inhabitants of Henton Blewet and the parishioners of Chewton about the settling of one Mary Ridlye, it was ordered that she should be settled in the parish of Chewton where she lived and was begotten with child. [S.R., lxix, ii, 57.]

13. Wheras there hath binn a certaine difference betweene the parishioners of Camly and the parishioners of Henton Blewett Concerninge the setlinge of one William Wynes, who hath heretofore binn and yet is destitute of any place of abode for his habitacon, by meanes whereof he together with his wife and one smale Child are like to come to greate miserie: Sir Francis Popham, Kt., Francis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esqrs, or any two of them to settle the said Wynes where hee ought to bee of right, or to Certifie this Court at the next Sessions what Course they haue taken herein. [S.R., lxix, ii, 12, 56.]

14. A difference betweene one John Little John, the hayward of West Hatch, and William Heron of the same place concerninge the impoundinge and Deteninge of the said Heron's sheepe by the said Hayward, wherby farther Differences are like to arise betweene them. William Portman, Kt. and Baronet, John Symes and Arthur Pyne, Esqrs, or any two of them to end the difference, or to certify at the next general Sessions what course they have taken herein. [S.R., lxix, ii, 55.]

15. Uppon the humble petition of the picoñers of [West] Crenmore respecting Certaine differences longe tyme dependinge betweene the Churchwardens and picioners of Crenmore Concerninge their Rates to the kinge, poore, and parish, which hath binn a greate trouble and Charge to the meaner sorte of the Inhabitants there: Gerrard Wood, D.D., and Paule Godwyn, D.D., yf possibly they cann to settle a peace and make a finall ende of the Difference now in question betweene them. [S.R., lxix, ii, 15, 54.]

16. John Mourtou of Wedmore, weaver, to be freed and discharged from John Popham, who was apprenticed to him for eight years to serve him in the trade of a wollen weaver; the said Popham hath behaved himselfe very lewdly and dissolutely in the continuall absentinge himselfe from his M<sup>rs</sup> service, and in his absence he doth continually offend his M<sup>rs</sup> neighbors in stealinge Henns and other goods. [S.R., lxix, ii, 7, 53.]

17. William Light, bound forth as an Apprentice by Thomas Smyth, Rice Davies and Richard Cole, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, vnto John Cottrell thelder of Winford, gent., for the terme of nine yeares to be discharged and freed from his apprenticeship by reason of an Infirmities and vncleanesse which he hath, is not fitt to bee retayned in the service of the said Mr. Cottrell. [S.R., lxix, ii, 52.]

18. Whereas there haue binn amercements leveyed vpon some of the parishioners of Woolavington for not repairinge of a way lyinge neere Quakinge bridge in the said parishe, which said way beinge now sufficiently repaired, the said parishioners on whome the said amercements were leveyed beinge but three in number haue desired this Court that the said amercements and Charge soe leveyed may bee equally and proporconably paid by the Inhabitants of the said pishe. Order made for an equal rate; Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to bind the parties reflectory to the next Sessions of the peace, etc. [S.R., lxix, ii, 51.]

19. Uppon the petition of the parishioners of Axbridge vnto this Court shewinge that Christian Morse, a very aged and impotent woman, who hath a sonn, one John Morse of South Brent, a man of good abilitie, yet suffereth his said mother to lye vpon the Charge of the said parishe of Axbridge: Order made that the said John Morse should pay towards the relief of his said mother xij*d*. weekely, to continue until he should show good cause to the contrary unto Sr Edw. Rodney, Knight, and William Capell, Esq<sup>r</sup>. [S.R., lxix, ii, 14, 50.]

20. Order made for the relief of a base man child borne in the parish of Hewish by the Justices of the peace next

adioyninge vnto the pish of Hewish. Will. Walrond, Tho. Lyte, 1 Oct., 8 Charles. [S.R., lxix, ii, 49.]

21. Order made by Geo. Speke and Will. Walrond for the relief of a child born in the parish of Cudworth, given att Ilmester vnder our hands and Seales this xiiij<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1632. [S.R., lxix, ii, 48.]

22. An order made for the payment of 8*d.* weekly by "one of the Vicars of the Close"; and the mother likewise to pay 8*d.* weekly for the maintenance of a child born in East Wells in the parish of St. Cuthberts, 4th July, 1632. Walt. Bath et Wells. Gerard Wood. [S.R., lxix, ii, 47.]

23. An order made by us, Sr George Speke, knight, and James Rosse, Esq<sup>r</sup>, touchinge the releife of a man Child born at Barrington. Dated at Whitlackington under our hands and Seales the 7th day of December, 1632. [S.R., lxix, ii, 46.]

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27. Memorand. yt was testefyed at the benche by one Richard Uppcott that the saterday before Christmas last he gave notice unto Sir ffrauncis Doddington, Kt., by a letter from the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Earle of Marleburgh and other Justics of the peace to attend a Referance betweene Sir John Windham, Kt., and the said Sr ffrancis Doddington touchinge these Rates to his mat<sup>is</sup> provision, but in regard the said Sir ffrancis Did not attend the Court, could not preceede in examinacof<sup>n</sup> of the cause accordinge to the s<sup>d</sup> refference. [S.R., lxix, ii, 66.]

28. An order made by George Poulett and Robte Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for the keepinge of a child born in the parish of Spaxton. Dated the 25th day of October, 1632; the father of the reputed father having helped to convey his son away. [S.R., lxix, ii, 71.]

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER on the 30th April, 1st and 2nd May, 9 Charles (1633), before Sir Ralph Hopton, K.B., Sir John Stawell, K.B., Sir Robert Phelippes, Sir Henry Berkley, Knights, Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Harrington, Richard Cole, John Harbyn, James Rosse, James Farewell, William Bull and Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

#### LICENCES GRANTED.

John Ossett of ffroome in xx*li*. to bye two quarters of wheate weekly in the County of Wiltes and to sell yt againe in open fayre or markett in this County.

Willus Joyce, of Pill, in xx*li*. to bye weekly xvj bushels of Corne in Wiltes and Somersett to sell yt againe in this County and not elsewhere.

Ricus Parfett, of Westlidford, in xx*li*. to bye weekly in open marketts in Wiltes and Somerset xvj bushels of Corne and to sell yt againe in this County and not elsewhere.

1. Uppon the peticoñ of Robte Sherwood, that whereas his Waine waye leadinge out of the King's highway into his backside is stoped upp and straytned by the waye-wardens of Linge and some other the Inhabitants there, by meanes whereof this peticoner is altogeather Debarred of the benefitt of the said waye for the Carringe and recarringe of his Corne, Haye and soyle, and other his goods as heretofore he hath Donne: John Symes, Robte Cuffe, and George Pawlett, Esqrs., to examine the matter now in question and yf possable they canne to compose the Differance and sittle a peace betweene the said pties or otherwise to certifie their proceedings att the next Sessions, etc. [*S.R.*, lxix, ii, 105.]

2. In the matter of the difference concerning the Tything-manshipp of the parish of Northover. It was ordered that the tythingman for last year should execute the office for this year; Thomas Gould, who pleaded exemption from the office, and Humfry Sparke the younger, "who was in course next to serve,"

to pay each of them 5*s.* to the Tythingman that now is in execucon of the said office untill the oppinions of the judges be knowne concerninge the premisses. [S.R., lxix, ii, 102, 103 ; i, 30.]

3. Forasmuch yt appeareth unto this Court as well by the certificate under the hand and Seale of Thomas Samborne, Esq<sup>r</sup>., Lord of the mannor of Tymsborough and under the hands of the maier parte of the piconers that they are well pleased that two Cottages heretofore builte uppon some pte of the waste grounde of the said Manor of Tymsborough for the sakes of poore men that were Coleminders there, should continue the same for habitacon. Ordered that the said two Cottages so erected should continue for habitation for ever. [S.R., lxix, ii, 109, 110 ; i, 29.]

4. Order made towards the relief of a child born in the parish of Barrington. [December 6th, 1632 ; Geo. Speake ; Jam. Rosse. S.R., lxix, ii, 98 ; i, 28, 36.]

5. Uppon the humble peticon of the piconers of West Lidford unto this Courte preferred showinge that there are certyne differances betweene the said piconers of West Lidford, and John Harbyn, Esq<sup>r</sup>., concerninge certeyne rates to the Church, Tythinge, and Highwayes of West Lidford aforesaid which the said Mr. Harbyn refuseth to paye and which said rates are made in respecte of certayne Lands which he hath and holdeth within the said pish of West Lidford ; S<sup>r</sup> Henry Barckely, Knight, and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, will be pleased to examine the Differences to sittle an order or otherwise to certify the Court the trew state of the Cause and Differance. [S.R., lxix, ii, 108 ; i, 27.]

6. Thomas Frost of Shepton Beacham, to be freed and discharged from Agnes Ilarie his apprentice, which said Thomas Frost not havinge any employment for a maid servante by reason he hath many Daughters of his owne able to Doe his worke. And the said Thomas Frost havinge taken one Thomas Allen of the same parish as an apprentice who was assigned unto him by Wiłm Walrond and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, two of his ma<sup>ts</sup> Justices of the peace. [S.R., lxix, i, 26.]

7. By a Certificate of Sir John Stowell, Knight, Lord of the manor of Aller and the consent of most part of the parishioners there it was ordered and decreed that Thomas Couch might erect a cottage upon some part of the waste there according to Act 31st Elizabeth. [S.R., lxix, ii, iii ; i, 25.]

8. William Coome, of Nunney, Mason, to be paid £3 towards the repairing and building of his cottage there which did not longe since fall Downe and is utterly ruined. [S.R., lxix, ii, 115 ; i, 24.]

9. The petition of the parishioners of West Buckland concerning the settling of one ffriswell Bartlett being delivered of a base Childe in the parish of Runton [Runnington] in the tyme of her service there: John Symes, Wittm ffrancis, and William Every, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them to settle the said ffriswell Bartlett, or to certify at the next Sessions their proceedings and opinions therein. [S.R., lxix, ii, 81 ; i, 23.]

10. Uppon the peticoñ of John Huchens exhibited to the Courte concerning John Frye of Oathill for servinge and undergoinge the Office of a Cunstable within Oathill aforesaid which the said Frye refuseth to doe by reason whereof the Kings ma<sup>ts</sup> service is much neglected. Sr Robte Phelipps, knight, and Robte Henly, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to convent all parties before them whome the busines doth concerne, and yf they can to compose the differance between the said Hutchins and Frye, or otherwise to certifie their proceedings and oppinions therein att the next Sessions. [S.R., lxix, i, 22.]

11. Thomas Coxo *als.* Smale to erect and continue in a cottage already built by him upon some part of the land of Thomas Rich in the parish of Liddeard St. Lawrence, the said Thomas Rich and the major parte of the inhabitants there having given leave and consented. [S.R., lxix, ii, 114 ; i, 21.]

12. The particular tenants in Wallmarshe lying in the Tythinge of Roddon to repair the way there called Wallmarshe which they had formerly repaired. [S.R., lxix, i, 20.]

13. Upon the certificate of John Hargell, Esq<sup>r</sup>, lord of the manor and the major pte of the Inhabitants there James Milles to erect and build him a cottage upon some part of the waste ground of the manor of Kilmingeton. [S.R., lxix, i, 5, 19.]

14. An order made the 27th day of February, 1632, by Withm ffancis and Withm Every, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, touching and concerning a child born in the parish of Wiveliscombe. [S.R., lxix, i, 18.]

15. An order made by Sr Henry Barckly, Knight, and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>r</sup>, the xxxj<sup>o</sup> [*sic*] day of April, 1633, for the keeping and bringing up of a child born in the parish of Babcary. [S.R., lxix, i, 17, 57.]

16. An order made 5th April 9 Charles for the relief of a child born in the parish of Combe St. Nicholas. George Speke, James Rosse. [S.R., lxix, i, 16.]

17. An order made the 29th of April, 1633, by Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for the maintenance of a child born at Cossington. [S.R., lxix, ii, 83 ; i, 15.]

18. An order made in respect of a child born at Cumpton Dundon, Tho. Lyte, Withm Bull. [S.R., lxix, ii, 85 ; i, 14.]

19. An order made by John Harrington and Withm Bassett, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for the relieving and keeping of a child born at Norton. Dated the 14th day of March, 1632. [S.R., lxix, i, 13.]

20. An order made the 16th March, 1632, by Sir ffancis Popham, K<sup>t</sup>, ffancis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, touching a child born at Staunton Drew. [S.R., lxix, i, 12.]

21 to 23. Informations.

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON the 23rd, 24th and 25th days of July, 9 Charles (1633), before Sir Robert Phelippes, Sir Thomas Windham, Knights, Thomas Luttrell, Robert Hendlye, William Francis, Arthur Pyne, Robert Cuffe and William Every, Esquires.

LICENCES GRAUNTED THIS SESSIONS.

Edward Leate of Horsington to be a comon badger of Butter and cheese, the same to bye and sell againe in the marketts or elsewhere in the Countyes of Wilts South, Dorset and Devon, and to retorne againe laden with salt fishe, salt, or other comodeties, and to sell the same in this county, and not elswhere, and to travell with six horses and not aboue for one year. Rob. Phelipps, Ro. Cuffe, Arthur Pyne.

Cristofer Rogers of Wellington, yom., to be a comon badger and byer of butter and cheese, viz., 200 pounds wayte of butter weekly and 100 pound wayte of cheese weekly, and the same to sell againe within the open marketts of Somerset for one year. Tho. Windham, Tho. Luttrell, Robtus Cuffe, Willūs Every.

Thomas Luttrell and Thomas Smyth, Esqrs, chosen Tresurors for the hospitalls for this yeare.

Willm ffraunceis and George Poulett, Esqrs, to take the accompts of the last yers Tresurors. [Accounts of Sir Will. Portman, Bart., for wester division, and Will. Capell for easter div., lxix, i, 91, 92.]

1. The father of a child born at Ileabotts ordered to give sufficient security to the Churchwards and Overseers of that parish, freeing and discharging the parish from all charges and expenses arising respecting the said child. [S.R., lxix, i, 114.]

2. The Overseers of Barrington to pay such money as they have received for the relief of a child. [S.R., lxix, i, 113.]

3. The difference between the parishioners of Uphill and Winscombe concerning the settling of one Willm Dyer, a lame and impotent man, settled by order of the Court settling him at



Uphill, where it appeared that Dyer was borne and bredd most of his tyme. [S.R., lxix, i, 51.]

4. William Southfield of Charde, Weaver, with a wife and five small children, having erected a cottage contrary to the statute; George Speke, Knight, and James Rosse, Esq<sup>r</sup>, desired to send for some of the picono<sup>rs</sup> of the Towne of Charde and others of the Outland who doe Chifly oppose him herein, and yf possable they Cann to use some Cheritable persuasions with the said pariconers that the said Cottage may Continue for his habita<sup>co</sup>n, Notwithstanding there be not fower acres of land laid there vnto accordinge to the Statute made in the one and thirteth yeare of the Reigne of our late Queene Elizabeth. [S.R., lxix, i, 46, 112.]

5. Ordered and decreed that Thomas Rosse of Tellisford shall and may erect and build him a Cottage for habitation upon one acre of Land which he holdeth in ffee simple. [S.R., lxix, i, 38, 111.]

6. Sir Henry Barkeley, Kt., to make a final end of the differince between John Ryall of Charleton horethorne and John Wise of Compton Pensford by consent of all parties. [S.R., lxix, i, 65, 110.]

7. Whereas there is a Difference between the picioners of Taunton Magdclin and the picioners of Hill Bishopps concerninge the settlinge of one Cristian Hester begotten with Child in the Castle of Taunton, where she lived in service, beinge within the parish of Hill Bishopps as is alleaged. Order settling her at Hill Bishopps. [S.R., lxix, i, 55, 109.]

8. Richard Tucker chosen one of the overseers of Aishpryors for the year last past in contempt of his Mats lawes and contrary to the Statute, etc., to be committed to his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s gaole at Ivelchester for refusing to make his accompte of such monyes as he hath receaved for the poore of the said pish, vs. ijd. remaining in the hands of the churchwardens and Thomas Seaman, one of the said Overseers for the year last past, to be paid to the new overseers. [S.R., lxix, i, 108.]

9. Upon the petition of Allexander Wickham and William Hodges, Mr Powlett and Mr Cuffe were ordered to bind over unto the next Sessions there to answer their Contempt such of the inhabitants of the parish of Stogursey who should refuse to contribute towards the rate for repairing Horsan bridge in the said parish upon the presentment of the Constables and Jury Hundred of Canington. [S.R., lxix, i, 54, 72, 73, 74, 107.]

10. An order made by Sir George Speke, Kt., and James Rosse, Esqr, for the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Combe St. Nicholas; Gyven under our hands and Seales the iiij<sup>th</sup> Daye of Maye, Anno Dni 1633. [S.R., lxix, i, 105.]

11. An order sett Downe and made by Sir George Speke, Kt., and James Rosse, Esqr, touchinge a base man Child borne in the pish of Ilmister. John Burrage, one of the Constables to pay viij<sup>d</sup>. weekly until the mother, who had runn awaye, leavinge her Child, should be brought before the justices; 5 July, 1633. [S.R., lxix, i, 104.]

12. An order made by Sir Henry Barkely, Kt., and James ffarewell, Esqr, the 8th of July, 1633, for the keeping of a child born in the parish of Bruton. [S.R., lxix, i, 59, 103.]

13. An order sett downe and established by Sir Francis Popham, Kt., Francis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esqrs, touchynge a Child borne in the parishe of Kensham: 5 April, 1633. [S.R., lxix, i, 102.]

14. An order made by Sir Henry Barkeley, Kt, and James Farewell, Esqr, the 27th day of May, 1633, for the keeping of a child born in the parish of Cherriton: the mother to be whipped in the open market place at Winecaunton uppon a markett daie about two of the Clocke in the after noone. [S.R., lxix, i, 67, 101.]

15. An order made the 20th day of June, 1633, by Sr John Horner, Kt., and Robte Hopton, Esquire, concerning a child born in the parish of Leighe. [S.R., lxix, i, 100.]

16. An order made by John Symes and William ffraunceis, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, concerning the relief and maintenance of a child born at Bradford. [S.R., lxix, i, 81, 99.]

17. An order made the 20th day of July, 1631, by Sr Robte Phelipps, Kt., and John Harbyn, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for and concerning the fosteringe, educacon and bringinge vpp of one Barbera born at Avington in the parish of Brimpton. [S.R., lxix, i, 98.]

18. The order sett downe and subscribed by William Fraunceis and William Every, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, the 22nd day of May, 1633, concerning a child born in the parish of Wiveliscombe. [S.R., lxix, i, 82, 96.]

19. An order made for the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of ffivehead 25th day of June, 1633. George Speke, Arthur Pyne. [S.R., lxix, i, 97.]

20. Dorsett. The order of John Whetcombe, Doctor of Divinitie, and Laweston ffitz James, Esq<sup>r</sup>, concerning John, a base man child born in the parish of Yetmister, 12th day of July, 1633. [S.R., lxix, i, 116.]

21. An order made by Sr George Speke, Knight, and James Rosse, Esq<sup>r</sup>, for the necessarie releefe and mayntenance of a base man child born in the parish of Ilebrewers the third day of July, 1633. [S.R., lxix, i, 95.]

22 and 23. Informations.

24. Henry Elliott, who was bound over to this Sessions for beinge the reputed father of a base child to be discharged from his further appearance at the Sessions by the consent of Thomas Booreman, gent., and Stephen Chicke, overseers of Ilebrewers, then present in Court, upon giving security, the said overseers to deliver unto the said Henry Elliott two kyne which were made over unto them for their securitie.

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER the 17th, 18th and 19th days of September, 9 Charles (1633), before Sir William Portman, Baronet, Sir Ralph Hopton, K.B., Sir Thomas Windham, Knight, John Symes, John Harrington, George Poulett, William Francis, Robert Cuffe, William Every and Richard Cole, Esquires.<sup>1</sup>

#### LICENCES GRANTED THIS SESSIONS.

John Reeve of Stapleffitzpayne (xx*li*) to be badger of butter and cheese, to byc in Dorsett and Somersett, and to sell againe in Somersett and not to travell with aboute three horses.

At this Sessions William Every, Esq<sup>r</sup>, is chosen Tresuror of meighme Souldiers for this yere coming, and Robert Cuffe and Anthony Stocker arr to take the Accompte of the last Tresuror.

1. At this Sessions yt is ordered that Captaine Carne shall forthwith receve of the Tresuror of the meighmed souldiers the some of xxiiij<sup>li</sup>, and shall hereafter receve at every Sessoiñs his quarters pencion of *li*. yerely; And shall alsoe receve *v**li*. a quarter over and aboute the said *li*. per Anñ. for the arrerages of his pencoiñ behinde being *lx**li*. or thereabouts.

2. The humble petition of Richard Hucker the elder of East Bower had a licence from the Sessions to build a cottage on a piece of land there which he had bought of William Huckmore, Esquire, although less than four acres, which he had since built and lived in, but had been interfered with by his son Richard Hucker, the younger, who procured another grant from the new Lord of the manor of East Bower of the said Cottage, and deteyneth the possession thereof from the said Richard Hucker, his father, whereby the said Richard Hucker (being an impotent man) is like to fall into greate misery: Referred unto George Powlett, Robte Cuffe, William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>.

3. Whereas there are two children left att Taunton this Last Assizes being the children of two women there executed for

<sup>1</sup> The Roll for this Sessions is missing.

felonie which were brought from the Gaole of Ivelchester with their said mothers, which Children ought to be releived by the County untill other course may be taken for their releife; yt is therefore ordered that the said Children be forthwith sent unto Ivelchester aforesaid, and there kept and releived accordinge to the Law and accordinge to the Direcons of the Right honourable my Lord Cheife Justice Richardson, and that Sheriffe under Sherife and Jayler Doe forthwith paye and satisfie all such charges as the said Towne of Taunton haue byn att with the said Children.

William Portman, George Powlett, Tho: Windham, John Harrington, John Symes.

4. Christofer Cockerell to be paid £3, he having according to the certificate of the maior parte of the Inhabitants of Glaston having lately received greate losses both by fyer and water amountinge to the value of 250*li.* to the greate impoverishinge and utter undoeinge of the said Christofer Cockerell. [*S.R.*, lxix, i, 115.]

5. Whereas uppon the triall heretofore had att the generall quarter Sessions of the peace held att Ivelchester for this County of Somers<sup>tt</sup> for the repaire of a certaine Common Markett way called Burrow wall lyinge within the parish of Othery, yt was there found by the verdict of Twelve men that the said waye ought to be repayred by the piconers of Othery aforesaid and the picon<sup>rs</sup> of Weston and Middlezoy; And where as there was an order made att the last Assizes held att Taunton for this County of Somers<sup>tt</sup> by Sir Thomas Richardson, Knight, lord cheife Justice of the Kings bench that the same wall should be forthwith repayred by the said picon<sup>rs</sup> of Othery Weston and Middlezoy accordinge to the said verdict; this Courte uppon farther complainte of the necessitie of the present repayringe of the said waye and the refusall of the performaunce thereof by the piconers of Weston and Middlezoy Doe Order that yt be forth<sup>th</sup> repayred accordinge to his Lordship's order and such persons as shall refuse the same to be bound to the next Sessions.

6. Upon a certificate given by Henry Halswell, Esq<sup>re</sup>, Lord of the Mannor of Durley and the maior pte of the pi<sup>co</sup>ners there,

it was ordered and decreed that Hugh Sare should erect and build him a cottage uppon some pte of the wast ground of Durley.

7. In the matter of a difference between the inhabitants of the Town of Chard and the out parish of Chard, it was ordered that one Wifm Southfeild, his wife and children should have releif from the inhabitants of the Town of Charde until they should show good cause to the contrary.

8. Uppon the petition of Hugh Corden of Wells, Clothworker, showing that one William Avery apprenticed to him for seven years is shortly to be maryed whereby he wilbe unfitt to performe the service of the said Corder and likewise Desiringe to be Discharged of the said Apprenticeshipp with said Corder: it was ordered that the said Hugh Corder should be freed and discharged from his apprentice Wifm Avery.

9. John Moreton of Wedmore whose late apprentice Popham after having served him for about one year was discharged at the Wells Sessions, ordered to show cause if he can at the next Sessions why he should not pay over to the parish *4*li**. (received with Popham) towards the relief of the parish of Wedmore to which the said Popham had become chargeable at *xiiiij*d**. a weeke.

10. In the matter of a difference between the parishioners of Limington, Merriott, and Chilton Cantelowe concerninge the settlinge of a base child, etc., whose mother is now in the howse of Correçôn att Ivelchester, the child was ordered to be sent unto Merriott, the mother having remained there one month before its birth, there to remain until they should show good cause.

11, 13-16. Informations.

12. Order made the 10th day of September, 1633, for the maintenance and releife of a child born in the parish of Crewkerne Ro. Henley, Ja: Rosse.

GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th days of January, 9 Charles [1633-4], before William [Piers] Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir Ralph Hopton, K.B., Sir Francis Popham, Sir Ferdinand Gorges, Sir Robert Phelippes, Sir Henry Berkeley, Sir Edward Rodney, Sir Robert Gorges, Knights, Gerard Wood, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., Robert Hendley, Thomas Smyth, John Harrington, Arthur Pyne, William Bassett, James Farewell, Thomas Lyte, James Rosse, and William Bull, Esquires.

LICENCES GRAUNTED THIS SESSION.

Unto John Ossett of Froome, yeom., to bye three quarters wheate within the County of Wiltes, and to sell the same in open fayre and markett in Somersett for one year. Rad. Hopton, Ed. Rodney, John Harrington, and Arthur Pyne.

Unto William Bushell of Wells, gent., to be a common maulster to bye in open fayre and markett in Wiltes, fower quarters weekly and sell in the County of Somersett for one year. Paul Godwyn, Gerard Wood, John Harrington.

1. Uppon the humble peticoñ of James Classon unto this Courte preferred together with Direccions from the Lords of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> most Hoble privy Councell unto the Justices here assembled shewing that the said James Classon hath served in his Ma<sup>ts</sup> warres beyond the seas where he hath received such hurts and maymes that he is thereby Disabled to mayntaine himselfe by his Labor. Ordered to be paid 3*li*. per ann. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 15, 17, 35.]

2. Whereas the high wayes within the pish of Brislington are of late yeares become very foundeours and in decaye by meanes of the greate resorte of colliers with their horses to certaine cole pitts there of late yeares found out, and whereas the greate charge for the repayinge of the said waies is wholly imposed uppon the occupiers of certain howses beinge but a third parte of the parish who have byn lately presented att the quarter Sessions for the Decaye of the said Waies, a charge which they one

whome yt was imposed are not able hereafter to beare, and therefore Desire this Courte that the Charge may equally arrise upon the whole parish beinge in all other services accordingly rated. Sir ffrancis Popham, Kt., John Harrington, and ffrancis Baber, Esquires, or any two of them, to settle an order for the repair of the said ways if possible, and to certify their proceedings at the next Sessions. [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 14, 34.]

3. Whereas Thomas Crosse the sonne of Thomas Crosse of Chewstoke was in the seaventh yeare of his ma<sup>ts</sup> Reigne that now is bound forth an apprentice by the consent of his said father unto Gyles Norcott of the same parish with him to learne the trade of a Broad weaver, sithence which tyme the said Norcott his master is deceased sithence whose decease the said Thomas Crosse the apprentice is become very impotent and lame for want of sufficient mayntenaunce as an apprentice ought to have, the said Norcott's widdow being not able to keepe and maynteyne him, notwithstanding will not suffer him to departe from her service without the said apprentice's father will give her a some of money to free him from his apprentishipp. Ordered that the said Thomas Crosse the apprentice shall be freed from his apprenticeship. [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 13, 33.]

4. Whereas Edward Savorie the sonn of James Savorie of Redleinch, yeom., Did by an Indenture of Apprentishipp bearinge date the xxiiijth Daye of September in the fowerth yeare of his ma<sup>ts</sup> Reigne put himselfe as an apprentice unto James Mercet *als* Aish of Batcombe, Clothier, for the terme of Eighte yeares to be accomplished from the feast of St. Michael tharchangell next ensewinge the date of the said Indenture; and whereas yt now appeareth unto us as well by the confession of the said Edward Savorie as by other manifest prooffe made before us that the said Edward Savorie hath falcified his trust with his said master and hath runn away from him. Ordered that the said Edward Savorie shall from henceforth be discharged of his said Indenture of Apprentishipp. Ja. Rose, Pa. Godwyn, Tho. Lite, Ro. Henley. [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 18, 32.]

5. Whereas there have bynn Amerciaments extracted against the parish of Cannington for not amendinge their high waies



within the said parish which said amerçiaments of ij*li*. xijs. have bynn wholly levyed uppon one Vallentine Facy a poore man of the said parish. Ordered that an indifferent and equal rate should be made by the parishioners of Cannington and the mōney paid by Valentine to be repaid him. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 16, 31.]

6. Memorandum respecting Samuell Goodenow, tithingman of Over Stowey, whose recognizances for the appearance of one Richard Hellen of Aisholt at the Ivelchester Sessions the last day of April, 9 Charles, had been "marked to be forfyted and certfyed" by mistake. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 30.]

7. Concerning the repairing of Burrows wall within the parish of Othery yt is att this Sessions by consent of all parties ordered that Christofer Samford one of the said parties Indicted shall procure a write of *Certiorari* forth of his ma<sup>ty</sup>s Courte of King's bench for the removinge of that particular Indictment retornable this next Hillarie Terme, and thereuppon shall forthwith pleade unto the said Indictment, And that the said Inhitants of Othery who have preferred the said Indictment shall forthwith joyne yssue thereuppon and procure the same cause to be tryed att the next Assizes for the County of Somersett yf the Judges of the Courte shall soe thinke fitt. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 29.]

8. Good cause not having been shown to the contrary Withm Dyer to be settled at Uphill.

9. Whereas William Dodimead of Mells, weaver, by his Indenture of Apprentishipp bearinge Date the fower and twentieth Day of November in the vij<sup>th</sup> yeare of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Reigne being then of the age of ffourteen yeares or thereabouts did put himselfe apprentice to John Butcher of Mells in the said County, yeoman, to serve him from the Daie of the Date of the said Indenture untill he the said William Doddymeade shall accomplish the full age of 24 yeares; Now as yt appeareth before us that the said Doddymeade is altogether unfitt for the said Butcher's service, And forasmuch as the said John Butcher hath promised to give xls*h*. for fittinge of him for another master,

It is therefore ordered that the said Doddymead shalbe from henceforth Discharged of the said Indenture of apprenticeship.

10. Whereas one Roman Phelipps was heretofore placed an Apprentice unto Samuell Hardinge of Evell, mercer, by and with the assent of Edwen Phelipps his unkell to serve him as his Apprentice by the space of tenn yeares, now uppon complaint unto this Courte that the said Samuell Hardinge hath or intendeth to putt of [off] his said Apprentice who hath served him not aboue three yeares or there aboutts pretendinge the said Apprentice to be troubled with some Lunicie; And that the said Samuell Hardinge hath received some money from the ffreinds of the said Roman Phelipps which they desired to be restored. Ordered that Sir Robert Phelipps, Knight, and Thomas Lyte, Esqr, wilbe pleased to call all the parties before them and examine the truth of every particuler, and to settle an end betweene them yf they may, and to certife unto this Courte their opinions therein att the next Sessions of the peace to be holden for this County.

11. An order made at Watchett towards the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Elworthy. Geven under our hands this ffifthe Daie of November, etc., 1633. Tho. Windham, Tho. Luttrell. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 3, 28.]

12. An order made by George Poulett and Robert Cuffe, Esqrs, towards the relief and maintenance of John the bastard manchild born in the parish of Lingge. Gyven under o<sup>r</sup> handes and Seales the xxx<sup>th</sup> Daye of October, 1633. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 27.]

13. An order made for the maintenance of a child in the parish of Curry Rivell. In witnesse, etc., 9th day of January, 1633, Ja. Rosse, Arth. Pyne. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 26.]

14. An order concerning the relief and maintenance of a child born in Wiveliscombe made and sett downe by William Fraunceis and William Every, Esqrs, the 30th day of December, 1633. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 25.]

15. An order made by Sr John Stowell, Kt., and William Frauncess, Esquire, the 19th day of September, 1633, touching and concerning a child born in the parish of Crocombe. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 24.]

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20. Whereas yt did appeare unto the Courte that there were many disorders and misdemenors comitted duringe the tyme of this Sessions in an Inn in the said towne of Wells by Thomas Merefeild, Thomas Gappy, Richard Leake, William Wilson and Wifm Bull, who did sitt upp all or the greatest parte of the night, Disorderly Drinkinge, quarrelinge and hoopinge, to the greate Disturbance to some of the Justices of the peace and others then Lodginge in the same Inn, and that some of the said Justices beinge soe Disturbed were enforced to rise out of their bedds, Doubtinge least there might haue bynn some murder Comitted amongst them, and came unto the said parties requiringe them to leave of their Disorders, and to betake themselves to their bedds, who were by the said Companie affronted with very contemptuous and uncivill speeches. This Courte therefore, in regarde of the example and frequent number of offences in this kinde thought fitt to comend the Consideracon thereof unto his ma<sup>ty</sup>s Attorney Generall that he would be pleased yf he shall soe thinke fitt to take some Course therein against the said parties. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 38.]

21. Four pounds laid out at the time of the shreefewick of William Walrond, Esquire, by his Under-Sherife, for the releife of the poore prisoners in the king's bench and Marshallsey, payable yearly out of this County, ordered to be paid unto the said Mr. Walrond's Under-Sherife.

22. Whereas this Courte is informed that John Popham was heretofore bound as an Apprentice unto John Mourton of the parish of Wedmore in this County, Weaver, for the terme of seaven yeares, and that the said Mourton hath received with him the some of fflower pounds of Currant money to perfect him in the saide trade of a weaver, and to maynteyne and keepe him Duringe the said terme; And whereas it is now alleaged unto this Courte that the said Popham, by reason of his yll usage

with the said Mourton, hath lost one of his feete, whereby the said Popham is not able to gett his Livinge, And that the said Mourton hath putt him away from his service, and hath left him chargeable to the said parish of Weddmore; It is therefore ordered by this Courte that the said John Mourton shall uppon Demaunde to him made give sufficient securitie to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of the parish of Wedmore aforesaid for the paymente of the said fower pounce soe by him received with the said Popham to the said parish to be payed xxx. p. ann. until the said fflower pounds be fully payed, or else the said Mourton is hereby ordered to receive his said Apprentice Popham againe, and to free the parish of any charge for him. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 85.]

23. Whereas one Joseph Wells (beinge comitted to one Mr. Shipwaye, Governor of the howse of Correccon att Shepton Mallett for some misdemenor by him done) hath received a maigme in his foote, whereby he hath lost his foote by meanes of the hard usage by the said Mr. Shipway, and in layinge of Irons uppon him, and whereas one Roger Bubb, a barber Chirurgion, hath taken paynes and care in the case thereof, This Courte Doth here uppon order that the said Shipwaye, in regard of his Cruell and hard usage aforesaid, shall forth<sup>with</sup> paye unto the said Roger Bubb thirteene Shillings and fower pence towards the Cure of the said Wells, and that tenn Shillings more shalbe likewise forthwith payed vnto him by the Threasurer of the Hospitalls of the Easter Devision for his paynes herein. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 36, 82.]

Memorand. that the fflowerteenth day of January Thomas Meryfeild did say that he did not care for Henley neither for Rosse, and that he had fortie pounds to spend as well as they, and that he did know the law as well as they, and what had any man to doe in their chamber, and Richard Leiker of Bromfyeld did say to Meryfeild that the gentlemen had donne more than they could iustific, and they should pay for it, and what had any man to doe in their Chamber, and we were sorry that we were in their Companie, and we had nothinge to doe with it.

By us Wm. Wilson, Wm. Bull,

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER  
the 15th, 16th and 17th days of April, 10 Charles [1634],  
before Sir Robert Phelippes, Knight, Paul Godwyn, D.D.,  
Robert Hopton, Robert Henley, John Harrington, William  
Walrond, James Rosse, James Farewell, John Harbyn and  
Thomas Lyte, Esquires.

LICENCES GRAUNTED.

William Pinny of Seaborowe, yecoñ, to bye Barly in the  
markett Townes in Somerset, and convert to malt tenn bushells  
weekly for one year. Ro. Hendly, Ro. Hopton, W. Walrond  
and Ja. Rosse.

Rich. Parfytt of Westlidford, husband., to be a badger of  
Corne, and to bye yt in open marketts in Wiltes and Somerset  
and to sell agane in Somerset and not elsewhere in meale or  
otherwise not to excede xvj bushells weekly for one year.  
Robt. Phelipps, Henr. Berkly, John Harrington.

1. William Phelpes of Meriott, who had made default in  
appearing at the Wells Sessions and had given no security, to  
be sent to Gaole and to remain there until he had performed an  
order relating to the paternity of a child.

2. Sir John Semor, Kt., Lord of the Mannor of North  
Stoake, and the Maior pte of the parishioners there by their  
certificate having shown that William Harper should build a  
cottage there ; order made by the Court for him to do so. [S.R.,  
lxxi, ii, 48, 49, 66, 88.]

3. Petition by the parishioners of East Coker, showing that  
the high wayes belonginge to the said parish beinge many are  
greately out of repaire, And that a greate parte of the Lands of  
the said parish is injoyed by strangers and men of good abilitie  
livinge out of and from the said parish, who Doe not at all come  
to worke to contribute towards the Charges of the repayinge of  
the said high wayes pretendinge that they haue not a plow land  
within the said pish, whereby the Charge thereof is growen soe  
greate to the said Inhabitants there that they are not able to

undergo the same. Sir Robert Phelipps, Knight, John Harbyn and Thomas Lyte, Esquires, or any two or one of them to settle some good course for the speedy repair, or to certify at the next Sessions the truth thereof. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 56.]

4. A new order made upon appeal reversing a former order respecting the paternity of a child born in the parish of Chilton uppon hearinge councell one all partes and examininge of many witnesses uppon oathe and longe debatinge of the matter. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 89.]

5. Whereas Henry Clement of Kilmington hath petitioned this Courte that whereas he is a very poore man and hath a great charge of wife and children, and is not able to relieve them doth desire to have them settled in some service whereby they may gett their owne livinge; this Courte Doth Desire that the next justices of the peace of that Devision wilbe pleased to bynde forth the Children Apprentices, or otherwise to settle them as they shall thinke fitt yf they see cause. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 87.]

6. Whereas yt appeareth unto this Courte that there are certaine differaunces betweene the parishioners of Stogumber, Tolland, and St. Decumans concerninge the settlinge of one ffrauncis Barsley who now remayneth in a mill of John Woolcotts of Tolland aforesaid. John Symes and Robert Cuffe, Esquires, to settle the said Barsley according to law or else to certify their proceedings herein at the next Sessions. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 84.]

7. Ordered that the present Treasurer for the hurte and maighmed souldiers shall against the next Sessions prepare an exacte accompte of his particuler receipts and disbursments together with a catalogue of their names who have and doe receive any pencons from him; And that he shall likewise give warninge unto all penconers now in the Country that they attende us att the said Sessions and bringe with them the certificates and letters or recomendacons with them by which they obtayned their pencons, to thend that uppon viewe of all we may proceede in such a course as shall appeare to be agreable to justice and reason.

Ro. Phelipps, Tho. Lyte, John Harrington, James Rosse, Rob. Hopton, Pa. Godwyne, James ffarewell, Will. Walrond, Rob. Henley. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 83.]

8. Walter Gilbert of West Camell bound an apprentice unto Wiffm Paynter of Wynecaunton broadeweever to be discharged from his apprenticeship, which said Paynter (as yt appeareth unto this Courte) is fallen into greate misery and is rann away from his wife and children and hath left them chargeable to the said parish of Wynecaunton. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 65, 81.]

9. William Baker of Kingsbury to be discharged from his parish apprentice John Male. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 80.]

10. Twelve pounds yearly to be paid unto the bayliffe of Ivelchester for the tyme beinge for and towards the releife and mayntenance of younge children the mothers of which children were executed for felony att the Assizes and general Gaole Delivery held for this county to be paid quarterly, and equally by the Treasurers of Hospitals. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 79.]

11. William Dyer a lame and impotent man, who at the Taunton Sessions had been settled at Uphill unless good cause should be shown to the contrary, to be settled at Bleadon where he had lived for seven years and did there receive his Lamenesse, unless the parishioners should show good cause to the contrary. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 61, 64, 78.]

12. An order made the 4th day of April. 1634, by John Harrington and William Bassett, Esqrs., for the relieving and keeping of a child born in the parish of Weston. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 77.]

13. An order made the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1634, by Sir Edward Rodney, Kt., and ffrauncis Baber, Esqr., touching a base child born in the parish of Chew Magna. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 76.]

14. An order made by Sir Robert Phelipps, Kt., and Thomas Lyte, Esq., the 12th day of February, 1633, for and towards the sustentacon and relief of a child born in the parish of Tintenhull. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 75.]

15. An order made by the same Justices the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1634, for the relief, maintenance and education of a child born at Stapleton in the parish of Martocke. [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 74.]

16. An order made the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1634, concerning two children born in Balsborrowe in the parish of Butleigh. Gerard Wood, Pa. Godwine. [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 73.]

17. An order made the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1634, by Abraham Burrell and Wiſſm Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., for the maintenance of a child born in the parish of Middlezoy. [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 58, 72.]

18. An order made by S<sup>r</sup> Robert Phelipps and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>r</sup>, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1633, for the discharge of the parish of Chilton Canteloe of a child. [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 71.]

19. John Doble of Cutcombe to have the Judges' opinion concerning his appeal at the General Sessions as to a paternity order. [*S.R.*, lxxi, ii, 69.] Ed. Wykes, Geo. Blanchfloore.

20. Mr. Edward Bawer of Allerton did promise in open courte to amend the high wayes for his grounds lying within the pish of Powlett accordinge to an order made heretofore att a former Sessions and thereuppon a presentmente now of Record is by order of Courte respited till complaint be made that he fayleth therein ; And he is to paye tenn shillings for not doinge the worke the last yeare.

21. For - that y<sup>t</sup> appeareth vnto the Courte as well by certificats or otherwise that Ann the wife of Samuell Hannam [of Charlton Houthorne] by meanes of the yll harshe usage of her husband towards her is fallen into greate extremitiee and Distraccon of minde, and that the mother and friends of the said Ann are willinge to take her home unto them and to use the best meanes they cann for recoveringe of her from the said infermities, and because the said Samuell who uppon his mariage with her hath received a very good porcon hath now voluntarily offered in Courte to allowe unto his said wife for her mainten-



ance and towards the recoveringe of her infermity the some of Eight pounds yearly to be payed quarterly, and to beginn from our ladie Day last past, and that the first xls. be payed w<sup>h</sup>in tenn dayes after thend of this Sessions, the same payments to be payed unto such friends of the said Ann as shall have the keepinge of her; upon which offer of the said Samuell this Courte doth forbear further examinacon of the Cause but requires the said Samuell to performe his owne offer and that forthwith uppon demaund to deliver unto his said wife or such friends of hers as shall demaund the same all such wearinge and necessarie apparell as the said Ann now hath or is fitt for her to have, which yf hee shall refuse to doe theruppon complaint thereof unto Sr Henry Barkely, yt is desired that he wilbe pleased to binde the said Hannam to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 67, 68, 86.]

22. Sir ffrauncis Popham, Kt., John Harrington and ffrauncis Baker, Esquires, not having had convenient tyme for making an order for the repair of Brislington highways, this Court doth now againe desire that the said Sir ffrauncis Popham, ffrauncis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>., or any two of them to settle an order for the repayre of the said wayes yf possible they cann, and to certifie their proceedings att the next Sessions what they have donn herein. [See Order 2, Wells Sessions. S.R., lxxi, ii, 63.]

23. Informations. [S.R., lxxi, ii, 70.]

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON the 15th, 16th and 17th days of July, 10 Charles (1634), before Sir William Portman, Baronet, Sir Thomas Windham, Knt., John Symes, Thomas Luttrell, John Harrington, George Pawlett, Robert Cuff, William Every, and Thomas Light, Esquires.

LICENCES GRANTED THIS SESSIONS.

Nichs Tyke of Weare xx*li*. to be a badger and to bye butter and Cheese in this County, and to sell againe in open fayre and

markett in Devon, and to retorne laden with fishe, pilcorne, salt or other comodities, and to sell the same in open markett or fayre within this County, and not to travell with above two horses of any kind, and to continue for one whole yere and not longer.

Johes Reeve of Staple ffitzpayne to be a badger and to bye butter and cheese within the County of Somerset and Dorset, and the same to sell againe in any open fayre or markett in the County of Somerset soe that he use it accordinge to the Statute and not travill with above three horses and to continue for a yere. Jo. Symes, Jo. Harrington, Rob. Cuffe.

Henr. Pole of Haydon in the parishe of Taunton to be a badger the like, as before, and not to travyll with above two horses and to continue one whole yere and noe more. [Signed by the same Justices.]

Thomas Prest of Pitmister to be a badger and to bye weekly within the County twelve bushells of pease in open fayre or markett and to sell againe in Devonsheere and to continue for one whole yere and noe more. [Signed by the same Justices.]

Md. : these three last lycences Mr. Symes is to take recognizance for.

And these three recogniz. were taken by Mr. Symes, 5th August following.

Matthew Redwood of Badgworth (xx*i*.) to be a badger and to bye butter and cheese w<sup>h</sup>in this County and to sell againe soe that he use his licence accordinge to the Statute against ffore-stallers, and to travell with not above two horses and to continue for one whole yeare and noe more. Geo. Powlett, Jo. Harrington, Wilm Every, Rob. Cuffe.

1. Henry Powlett, Esq., chosen Treasurer of the hospitals for the Wester Division and William Clapton, gent., for the Easter Division, Sir John Stowell and Sir Edward Rodney to take the "Accumpte of the last Treasurers." [Account of Thos. Luttrell for Western Division, lxxi, i, 33.]

2. It is ordered att this Sessions that in all future graunts of pençons this clause shalbe inserted (provided that the pencon hereby graunted shalbe payed out of the aunchient Stocke of the maymed Souldiers money onely and not out of the fiftie pounds lately increased).

Tho. Windham, W. Portman, Ed. Rodney, Jo. Stowell, Jo. Gylle, Jo. Symes, Will Every, Tho. Luttrell, Jo. Harrington, Arthur Pyne, Ro. Cuff, Tho. Lyte.

3. Captaine Carne to receive of the Treasurer of the Hospitalls of Western Division £10 in pte of payment of such arrerages as are behinde towards the payment of his pençon of ffiftey pounds. [S.R., lxxi, i, 60, letter from the Earl of Pembroke, and Montgomery, autograph and seal, dated from Whitehall, 25 April. 1634 ; 61.]

4. Bartholomew Chauncellor of Staunton Drew, husbandman, a very poore man like to fall into greate miserie for want of a necessary place off habitaçon having licence of the Lord of the manor Sr Edward Alford, Kt., to build him a cottage there. [S.R., lxxi, i, 22, 23.]

5. Upon petition and certificate of the inhabitants of Evercreech it was ordered that John Feild, who had a longe tyme lived there Demeaninge himselfe very well and takynge greate paynes to maynteyne himselfe and famellie and beinge now Destitute of a place of habitaçon, should erect and bulde him a Cottage, etc., uppon a little plott of grounde of one John Penney of Evercreech who hath alredy given his licence for erectinge of the same. [S.R., lxxi, i, 24.]

6. The amerciaments Leveyed uppon one John Perrie of Phelipps Norton for the not repayringe of the Butts which

ought to be repayred by the piconers of Phelipps Norton, and the said John Perry and one Thomas Younge both of the said parish for not repayringe of their highwayes ordered to be paid by an equal rate ; persons refusing to be bound over by the next Justices thereunto adioynning to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxxi, i, 26, 54.]

7. John Walter of Blagdon in this Countie, husbandman, having lately sustayned greate losses by fire almoste to his utter undooinge to be paid 6*li.* 13*s**li.* 4*d.* [S.R., lxxi, i, 59.]

8. Whereas yt appeareth unto this Courte that Mathew Barrett of Southpetherton in this County, yeoman, hath Lewdely and Desolately left his wife and two children in the parish of Ilmister withoute allowinge them any mayntenance att all whereby they are like to become chargeable to the said parish and whereas the said Mathew Barrett with the concente and perswasion of his father John Barrett hath leased out for yeares a certaine Tenement which he holdeth in right of his wife there by to deprive her of any mayntenncce at all. Wifm Walrond and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to send for the said John Barrett, who is contented to allowe towards the maytennce of his said Daughter-in-lawe and Children such competent maytenncce as the said Justices shall thinke fitt and they to sett downe some order for the performance thereof. [S.R., lxxi, i, 16.]

9. The amerciaments Levyed uppon John Daniell and John Trent of Bridgwater not repayringe of the highwayes within the said pish of Bridgwater which ought to be repayred by the Tythinge of Dunweare and Bower within the said parish by an equall and proporconable Charge and rate by the inhabitants within the said tythinge ; ordered to be paid by an equal rate made uppon the inhabitants of the tithing. [S.R., lxxi, i, 17.]

10. Whereas uppon complaint made att Bridgwater Sessions last yt appeared unto this Courte that Ann Moore the Daughter of Thomas Moore beinge before bound an apprentice unto Dorothy Gale of Charde was much abused by her said mistress. Whereuppon the Courte did then order that yf the said Dorothy Gale did any more abuse her said apprentice shee should then

be released of her apprenticeship. And whereas yt now appeareth unto this Courte under the hands of some of the sufficiente men of the parishe of Charde that the said Dorothy Gale is a very evill liver and hath since very much abused her said apprentice Ann Moore. Ordered that the said apprentice should be discharged from her apprenticeship. [S.R., lxxi, i, 19.]

11. Whereas yt appeareth unto this Courte by a certificate under the hands of Sr Henry Barkely, Kt., Robert Hopton James Farewell and Thomas Lyte, Esquires, that John Morris of Queene Camell was longe since prest out of this County a Souldier into thewarrs of Ireland from whence after that he had receaved Diverse wounds he retorned into England and in this Countie, And in regarde of his woundes receaved procured a pencon of five pounds per ann., and that after he was reasonable well recovered of his hurts havinge a purpose to retorne againe into the warrs he sould his pencon for fyfteene pounds, Mr. Cuffe beinge all that time Threasurer of the meighmed Soldiers, of which fyfteene pounds he never receaved but seaven pounds. It is therefore thought fitt and soe ordered by this Courte that the said John Morris shall have tenn pounds payde him by the Threasurer of the meighmed Souldiers of this Countie, viz., forty shillings per ann untill the said Tenn pounds shalbe fulley payed the first payment to beginn att this Sessions. [Signed by the Justices who gave their certificate: S.R., lxxi, i, 15.]

12. A certaine Bridge called Longacre Bridge within the Hundred of Williton and Freemanners in this Countie is very foundrouse and in Decaye: to be repaired by those parties who of right ought to repair the same and had heretofore repaired the same by an equal and proportionable rate.

13. Nicholas Marsh of Hardington who hath Lately Sustayned great Losses by fire almost to his utter undooinge to be paid 3*li*. 6*sh*. 8*d*. [S.R., lxxi, i, 14, 58.]

14. Robert Sheudler of Crewkerne and Robert Crafte of the same place who had lately sustayned great Losses by fire to be paid 3*li*. for their present releife.

15. Whereas this Courte is informed that a certaine Bridge called Longham bridge Lyinge within the parishes of Ninehead, Wellington, and Buckland in this Countie is very foundrouse and in Decaye; Ordered that the said Bridge shallbe forthwith repayred by those parties who of right ought to Doe the same and haue heretofore repayred the same by an equall and proportionable rate which yf they shall refuse to performe and speedily repaire the same that the Justices of peace next adioyning wilbe pleased to binde such parties for refusing to pay their rates to the next generall Sessions of the peace to be held for this Countie. [S.R., lxxi, i, 12.]

16. Whereas this Courte is informed that a certaine bridge called Stanmore bridge Lyinge within the parish of Gregory Stoake in this Countie is very foundrouse and in Decaye. Similar order for speedy repair.

17. John Bridge, who had been bound over to this Sessions for refusing to undertake the office of tithingman for Lillisdon, hath now in open Courte undertaken the said office and serve for the execucon thereof accordinge to the order of this Courte, for the yeare followinge. [S.R., lxxi, i, 30.]

18. Whereas this Courte is informed that his Mats. service within the tythinge of Fonsgeorge in the parish of Wilton in this Countie is neglected aud not performed for want of a tythingman, and that Roger Prowse gent. beinge Lorde of certaine tenements there and havinge them in possession refuseth to finde a man for his said tenements in that office which yf he shall refuse to Doe, uppon sight of this order he is by this Courte Desired to attende the Judges att the next Assises to be held for this Countie whereby their oppinions may be had herein. [S.R., lxxi, i, 11.]

19. Whereas this Courte is peticoned by one John Hunt and Agnes, his wife, concerninge the settlinge of one Agnes Alford, their Daughter, who is of late become very idle and lewde, spendinge most Dessolutely such small porcon as was left her lately by her grandfather; Robert Cuff, Esqr, to send for the said Agnes Alford before him, and to take some course for the

setlinge of her with the said John Hunt and Agnes, his wife, parents of the said Agnes Alford, or otherwise as they shall thinke fitt herein. [S.R., lxxi, i, 29, 42.]

20. Whereas yt appeareth unto this Courte that there was a notorious outrage and misdemenor Comitted att Glaston in this Countie uppon Assencion Day Last in the tyme of Devine service there, where a child was then killed amongst them, and that the names of those parties which committed the same are as yet unknowen; It is therefore Desired by this Courte that Paule Godwine, Dc̃or of Devinitie, and Thomas Lyte, Esqr, or one of them wilbe pleased to take informacon from the Coroner who cann certifie the names of those which are Delinquent herein, and to binde them over to the next Sessions, and in the meane tyme to be of the good behavior. [S.R., lxxi, i, 41.]

21. An order made by William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>s</sup>, Justices of the peace next adioyninge to the parish of Baudrip the xj<sup>th</sup> Day of July, Anno Dm. 1634, for the relief and maintenance of a base woman Child born there. [S.R., lxxi, i, 40.]

22. An order made and taken by us, Sir George Speake, Kt., and James Rosse, Esqr, the fourteenth Day of July, 1634, touchinge the releife of a child born in the parish of Ilmister. [S.R., lxxi, i, 39.]

23. An order made by the same Justices touchinge the releife of a child born in the parish of Shepton Beachamp, 10th July, 1634. [S.R., lxxi, i, 38.]

24. An order made and sett Downe by Sir William Portman, Baronet, and John Symes, Esqr, the ix<sup>th</sup> Daye of July, 1634, touchinge the releife and mayntennce of a child born in the parish of Kingston. [S.R., lxxi, i, 37.]

25. An order made by Sir Edward Rodney, Kt., and Wiltm Capell, Esqr, the xx<sup>th</sup> Daye of June concerninge a child born in the parish of Wedmore, 1634. The fater to pay £8 in two years; the mother to be conveyed to the next Markett towne to be publickely whipped. [S.R., lxxi, i, 36.]

26. An order made and agreed uppon by us, Sir George Speke, K<sup>t</sup>, and James Rosse, Esq<sup>r</sup>, touchinge the releife of a bastard man childe named John, born in the parish of Whitlackington, 27th May, Anno Decimo, 1634. [S.R., lxxi, i, 35.]

27. An order made and sett downe by Sir Henry Barkely, Kt., and James Farewell, Esq., 1st day of July, 1634, as well for the keepinge and bringinge upp of a child born in the parish of North Cadbury. [S.R., lxxi, i, 34.]

28. Thomas Turke of Stoford hath lately sustayned greate losses by fire almost to his utter undooinge; to receive 5*l*. [S.R., lxxi, i, 57.]

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER the 30th Sept., 1st and 2nd days of October, 10 Charles (1634), before Sir William Portman, Baronet, Sir John Stowell, K.B., Sir Thomas Windham, Knight, John Symes, Robert Cuffe, Richard Cole, William Every, William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esquires.

Thomas Smyth, Esq<sup>r</sup>, chosen Threasurer of the meighmed Souldiers; S<sup>r</sup> Edward Rodney, Kt., and Richard Cole, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to take the accompts of the last Threasurer.

1. William Chappell of Michael Creech, Laborer, a very poore man and havinge a greate charge of wife and children and likely to fall into greate misery for want of a necessary place of habitation, with the leave and licence of Robert Cuffe Esq, now Lord of the Manor of Michaell Creech and most of the piconors there, to erect and build him a cottage uppon some parte of the wast of the said Mannor. [S.R., lxxi, i, 81.]

2. Whereas yt appeareth unto this Court by a certificate under the hand and Seale of James Bisse, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Lord of the Manor of Upton Noble and the hands of the maior parte of the piconors there that they are well pleased that John Britten of



Upton Noble aforesaid beinge a very poore man havinge wife and children, should erect and builde him a cottage for habitation upon some pte of the wast grounde of the pish of Upton Noble aforesaid without fower acres of land laide there unto accordinge to the Statute. Order authorising him to erect a cottage. [S.R., lxxi, i, 92.]

3. The parishioners of Drayton, Curri Rivell, Langport, Huish, Aller, and High-ham against whom a former order had been granted that they should contribute towards the repair of Stanmore Bridge, having at this present Sessions alleged that "they ought not att all soe to doe." Sr William Portman and Sir John Stowell, K<sup>ts</sup>, John Symes and Robert Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them desired to determine the Difference and settle an end herein. [S.R., lxxi, i, 69.]

4. Whereas upon the petiçon of Edith Pyke of Meriott, widdow, this Courte is informed that the said widdowe was enforced to take an Apprentice by the threats of one Mr. Gough of the said parishe, the said Apprentice beinge but of younge years and not able to Doe the said Edith Pyke any service att all, shee herselfe havinge but a very meane estate to live by; the two Justices of peace next adjoining for that Division desired to send for the parties, to ease the said widdowe of her apprentice or take the Apprentice as they shall thinke fitt or otherwise to certifie their opinions herein. [S.R., lxxi, i, 82.]

5. The difference between the Overseers of the poor of Lamiatt and one Thomas Hole, a former overseer, concerninge former Disbursments of some moneys by the said Hole without the consent and knowlidge of the said parish is to be inquired into by Sir Ralph Hopton and Sr Edward Rodney, K<sup>ts</sup>, to determine the difference betweene them yf possable they cann or to certifie att the next Sessions what they have donn herein.

6. Thomas Smyth, ffrauncis Baber, William Capell and Anthoney Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them to settle an order for the repair of the highways in the parish of Brislington it possible, and likewise to certify to the Court concerning the

yearly payment by the parish of Brislington of four shillings towards the relief of the poor of the parish of Pensford. [S.R., lxxi, i, 103.]

7. Whereas complaint hath binn made to the Court by William Colwell, late Tythingman of Otterhampton, that he hath disbursed three pounds in money for the said Tythinge of Otterhampton in seekinge out of one George Hall who was apprehended for felony and escaped out of the Custodie of the said Colwell; George Pawlett and Robert Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to examine the truth of the said Colwell's complaint, and if they can to settle a course for the payment to him of the monyes laid out by him. [S.R., lxxi, i, 74.]

8. Uppon the humble petiçon of John Otherie of Otheried husbandman, shewing that about fower years sithence, Emanuell Othery his sone was by him bound as an Apprentice to and with John Merrett of Somerton in the said County, Butcher, to serve in the trade of a Butcher for the terme of Seaven yeares; and whereas the said John Merrett beinge since become much indebted is now runn forth of the Country, and hath assigned over his said Apprentice unto one Robert Brice of Marke in this County, husbandman, for the residue of the said terme of seaven yeares whereby the said Emanuell Othery is likely to lose his trade of a Butcher; Emanuel Othery ordered to be discharged from his apprenticeship. [S.R., lxxi, i, 71.]

9. Order made for the erecting of a cottage in the parish of Midsomer Norton for the habitation of the poor thereof. [S.R. lxxi, i, 68.]

10. Sir Edward Rodney, Kt., ffrauncis Baber, and William Capell, Esquires, or any two of them to settle a peace if they can between the parishioners of Blagdon and Uby concerning the settling of a child.

11. Edward Gibson of Castle Cary beinge a poore and impotent man was allowed by an order made att Bridgwater Sessions Anno Dm. 1628, the weekely payment of xij<sup>d</sup>. to be

payed unto him by the Overseers of the poore of the parish of Castlecary aforesaid towards the releife of himselfe, his wife and Children. And whereas the said Overseers have for a longe tyme refused the said paymente soe that the said Gibson his wife and Children live in greate misery; Sr Ralph Hopton and Sr Henry Barkely, Kts. to convent the overseers before them and to bind them over to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxxi, i, 76.]

12. In the matter of the difference between the parishioners of Publow and Saint Thomas [Pensford] respecting the settling of Agnes Smyth, John Harrington, William Bassett and Anthoney Stocke, Esqrs, to make an order for settling of the said Agnes Smyth if they may or to certify their opinions therein at the next Sessions.

13. An order made by John Harrington and William Basset Esqrs, for the keeping and relieving of a child born in the parish of South Stocke, 26th day of September, 1634. [S.R., lxxi, i, 96.]

14. Richard Granger now maketh oath against Henry Maior of Pitminster, yeoman, for ingrossinge corne upon ground growinge; William Peeke of Wollavington, yeoman, John Nicholls of the same place, yeoman, William Baker of Huntspil, yeoman, Anthoney Wallford of Stogursey Miller, and against Johane Thorne of the same place, widow, all for ingrossinge of wheate, Barley, Butter, and Cheese. [S.R., lxxi, i, 93.]

15. An order made by Robert Henley and James Rosse, Esqrs, touching the relief of a child born in the parish of Crewkerne, 31 July, 1634. [S.R., lxxi, i, 95.]

[Treasurer's Account giving the names of the pensioners.]

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th days of January, 10 Charles (1634-5), before William (Piers) Bishop of Bath and Wells, John Coventry, Esq., Sir Robert Phelips, Sir Edward Rodney, Sir Henry Berkley, Knights, Paul Godwyn, D.D., Francis Baber, John Farewell, William Capell, and William Walrond, Esquires.

LICENCES GRANTED.

Unto John Ossett of Frome to bye three quarters of wheate weekly in the County of Wiltes and the same to sell againe in any fayre or markett in Somerset.

Matthew Redwood of Badgworth to bye butter within the County and the same to sell againe in any open fayre or markett in the Countyes of Hampsheere and Barksheere, and to travell with two horses only.

Stephen Thorne of Chelworth to be a comon badger, Lader and Kidder and Carryer of Corne for the quantity of two quarters weekly.

John Harris of Chelworth to be a comon badger of Corne, and the same to convert into meale for the provision of the Citty of Bristoll. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 10.]

Joseph Cray of Beckington, to bye wheate and graine in open fayre or markett in this County not exceedinge fower quarters weekly, and the same to sell againe in the parishe of Beckington.

Georgius Fuller of Axbridge to bye barly in the County of Wiltes and Southampton, and to convert and sell the same in mault within this County.

Richard Browne of Ivelchester to shoote in a hand gunn at haucks meete.

Nicholas Martyn of Publowe to make Mault, lymited to bye but three quarters of barly on any one markett daye.

1. Decided 2 December, 1634, by Sir Humfry Davenport and Sir Jo. Denham that the Sessions might affirm or reverse an order as to the paternity of a child, but could not there make an order on a "new reputed father."

2. Johane Morris of Compton Pensford whose child had since died and the parish discharged of all costs disbursed to be delivered out of the "howse of Correcon att Ivelchester," the court being informed that the said Johane Morris is "grieved with sicknesse in the said house of Correcon," and continue att libertie untill shee shall recover her former health and further complainte be made herein. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 56, 57.]

3. Whereas yt appeareth unto this Courte that one Robte Edwards was heretofore bound forth an apprentice unto William Elliott of Ileabotts, yeoman, and that the said Edwards hath assigned over the said apprentice Edwards unto one William Rowsewell of Beare Crocombe, Mason, without any license or authoritie of any Justice of peace of this County, and forasmuch as the said Edwards is a very Lewde fellowe and now in the Gaole for breakinge a howse and Stealinge of certaine goods out of the same howse whereby noe man will sett the said Rowsewell on worke yf he bringe with him the said Edwards; George Speake and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to convent the said Elliott before them or one of them and to see wheather the said Elliott could by Indenture Lawfully Assigne over the said Edwards to the said Rowsewell and certifie there oppinions herein att the next Sessions. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 55.]

4. Whereas John Leigh of Bristoll, a poore Laboringe man hath heretofore binn sett on worke att his Day labour by one Mr. Bisse of Bristoll by the space of Nynteene dayes and halfe who was to have xii<sup>d</sup> a daye for his daye labor and sithence the said Mr. Bisse beinge deceased his said wife that was denieth the payment of the said some of xix<sup>s</sup>, viij<sup>d</sup> for the Labour of the said poore man. Sir ffrauncis Popham, Kt., Sir fflardinand George, Kt., Thomas Smyth and ffrauncis Baber, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them wilbe pleased to send for the said Mrs. Bisse (that was) before them and yf possable they cann to take course that

the said John Leigh may not be defrauded of his wadges or otherwise to certifie at the next Sessions what they have donn herein. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 4, 54.]

5. Uppon the peticon of Johane Collens unto this Courte preferred therein shewing that whereas John Collens, her husband owinge some money unto Thomas Higgens of Shapwicke and James Hucker of Catcott who with diverse others uppon new yeares eve last in the night-tyme pretendinge they had an attachment against the said Collens brake up the howse of the said Collens and by force and violence carryed away diverse of the said Collens his goods puttinge his wife in bodely feare of her life; Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esqrs, to send for the said Higgens and Hucker and all other who were their assistants herein before them and examine the same. And yf they shall thereuppon thinke fitt and see cause to binde the said parties to the next Sessions to answer their misdemeanors. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 5, 53.]

6. An indifferent rate to be made upon the inhabitants of the whole Tythinge of Woolverton to repay one Thomas Shute who had been wholly levied upon by the Sheriff for not repairing of butts within the said parishe. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 52.]

7. Whereas John Paynter of Westbury, was att this Sessions Indicted for Stealinge of Seaven pounds of woollen yarne valued at xij*d*. and thereof acquitted and found not Guiltie, which said Seaven pounds of woollen yarne was seased uppon by the Constable of Beckington as fellons Goods, the said yarne ordered to be delivered back to him. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 41.]

8. Withm Southfeild who was at this Sessions found Guiltie for erectinge a Cottage contrary to the Lawe in the outparish of Charde and is fyned tenn pounds for his offence accordinge to the statute by which means himselfe his wife and children are wholely destitute of any place of aboade to releive themselves, and for that the Courte is informed that the said Southfeild boght to be settled in the towne of Charde as formerly he hath binn; Sr George Speake, Kt., and James Rosse, Esqr, desired to send for some of the Towne and outparish of Charde and to

take some course for the speedy settinge of the said Southfeild his wife and children. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 42.]

9. Thomas White *als.* ffossey of North Brewham, hellier, a very poore man and havinge noe settled place of abode, with the consent of the inhabitants and the licence of Sr Charles Berkely, Kt. (now Lord of the Manor of North Brewham aforesaid) to erect and build him a Cottage for habitation upon some parte of the wast grounde of the said Mannor. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 6, 50.]

10. In the matter of the difference between the parishioners of Evercreech and Pill concerning the settling of one Gregory Brooke his wife and child, it was desired that Sir Ralph Hopton and Sir Edward Rodney, Kts., should settle the said Gregorie Brooke his wife and Childe where they thinke fitt. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 51.]

11. Whereas Robert Venner was about three yeares sithence bounde an Apprentice unto John Hellman of Minehead in this county, Shipwrite, for the space of Seaven years, and whereas the said Robte Venner about a quarter of yeare sithence departed from the service of the said John Hellman whereuppon he was bounde to this Sessions and now doth offer to goe to his said master againe and to serve out his tyme with him; Robert Venner ordered to serve out the terme of seven years with John Hellman his master. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 49, 64, 71.]

12. Whereas John Churchowse of Cloford, hath heretofore binn bounde forth and served Seaven yeares by Indentures with one Thomas Kayford of Cloford aforesaid Tayler as his Apprentice, and whereas sithence the expiracon of the said Churchowse his apprentishipp with the said Kayford one John Boultinge of the said parish (craftely insinuatinge and workinge on the weekenesse of the said Churchowse for his owne ends) hath drawen the said Churchowse to serve Indentures for other Seaven years as his Apprentice which is like to tend to the utter undoinge of the said Churchowse; he is ordered to be discharged from his apprenticeship with Boultinge. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 48.]

13. If the parishioners of Staunton Prior and Chilcompton should not agree before the next Sessions concerning the settling of Joseph Biggs, Agnes Biggs, sonne and daughter of William Biggs late of Chilcompton, deceased, then the Overseers of the parishes should be bound to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions to receive a final order herein to answer their contempts. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 11, 47.]

14. Margery Shoote of Shoscombe in the parish of Wellowe, widdowe, a very poore woman and like to fall into grate miserie without a place of habitacon; who had obtained licence of Lawrence Bull, gent., now Lord of the Mannor of Shoscombe aforesaid and of the inhabitants there to erect and build her a cottage there. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 7, 46.]

15. Whereas this Courte is informed that Diverse persons of Charde in this Countie have refused to receive his Ma<sup>ty</sup> new Coyne. It is desired by the Courte that Robte Henley, James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, two of his Mats Justices of peace for this County or one of them wilbe pleased to convent such parties for refusing the said Coyne before them or either of them and examine the truth thereof, and yf they finde cause to binde them over to the next Sessions there to answer their Contempts. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 20, 45.]

16. Elizabeth Sallway to be freed out of the house of correction at Ivelchester, the reputed father of her child Thomas Beele having promised and procured a licence to marry her. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 44.]

17. Richard Browne, late keeper of the gaole, shall receive three partes in fower partes to be divided for keepinge the prisoners for three months now this last quarter past and the new keeper to receive the fowerth parte for one moneth of the thresurers of the hospitalls of both Devisions for this quarter's paye beinge x*li*. in the whole for their allowance. Henry Berkeley, Ro. Phelipp, John Coventrye, Wm. Walrond, Ro. Henley, Paule Godwine.



18. John Cooke (of Milverton) who lately susteyned great losses by fire shall with all conveniencie receive of the Threasurer of the hospitalls of the westernne Devision the some of *vli.* towards his releife. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 34.]

19. Richard Browne shall continue governor of the howse or correccion as he hath heretofore donn and shall receive his paye accordingly and that Furnice shalbe his deputie and receive twenty markes of the paye.

20. William Cornish and John Mogg to be paid *viiijli.* towards their losses by fire to be divided betweene them as Sir Henry Berkely, Sir Robert Gorge and James Farewell shall thinke fitt. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 26, 27. The fire happened at Stoke Hollway *qu.* Stoney Stoke in Shepton Montague.]

21. Whereas Richard Lemmon hath heretofore lived in London as a jorneyman att the trade of a glover and was from thence sent by passe unto Kilmington in this Countie beinge the place of his birth where he cannot be suffered to remayne in quiett and have such releife as is fittinge for him. Ordered to be settled at Kilmington.

22. Whereas one Thomas Hext of Langport was bound over to this Sessions concerninge certaine goods which he hath unjustly gotten into his hands of one Helliers which said difference by consent of both parties is by this Courte referred unto Sir John Stowell, Knight of the Bath, and Arthur Pyne, Esqr., whom the Courte desireth wilbe pleased to send for the said parties and examine the said difference and to settle a peace betweene them yf they may, or otherwise to certifie their oppinions att the next Sessions, and to bind over Hext to the next Sessions yf uppon examinacon thereof they finde cause.

23. Sir Robte Phelipps, K<sup>t</sup>, to examine the truth respecting the complaint of John Hillarie who had petitioned to be releived from the support of a child born at Ottcombe which order was made against him about seven years since.

24. Whereas Frauncis Beacham of Evell hath petitioned this Courte shewing that about five yeares since one William Chayney a poore child was placed by the Overseers of the poore an apprentice with the said Beacham and that now the said apprentice beinge visited with an infeccious desease called the scurfe in the head which hath cost the said Beacham a greate deale of money in procuringe helpe for it and cannot gett it to be cured and that the said Beacham havinge five children of his owne and other apprentice one of which said children hath binn infected of same desease by the said apprentice, and therefore desired the Courte that he may be freed and discharged of the said apprentice and that there may be some course taken for the curinge of his desease to which the said Beacham would contribute as should be thought fitt; Ordered and desired by the Courte that Sir Robte Phelipps, Knight, wilbe pleased to send for the said Beacham and such other parties as it may concerne, and examine the truth hereof and to settle some course herein if he may and to certifie the courte att the next Sessions what he shall doe therein that the courte may thereuppon take such further order as by lawe is required. [*S.R.*, lxxiii, ii, 43.]

25. An order made and set down by Gawen Malett and William Every, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 10 Charles, for the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Wiveliscombe. [*S.R.*, lxxiii, ii, 60.]

26. An order made the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1634, by Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for the maintenance of Johane a child born in the parish of Meddlezoey. [*S.R.*, lxxiii, ii, 59.]

27. An order made the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1634, by Sr John Stowell and William Fraunceis, Esq<sup>r</sup>, for the maintenance of a child born in the parish of Lawrence Liddeard. [*S.R.*, lxxiii, ii, 58.]

Nos. 28-33. Informations.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER, the 7th, 8th, and 9th days of April, 11 Charles (1635), before Sir John Stawell, K.B., Sir Henry Barkley, Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Harrington, James Farewell, Thomas Light, and John Harbyn, Esquires.

LICENCES GRANTED.

Richard Parfytt of West Lidford to be a Comon badger or Corne.

Edward Leate of Horsington to be a Comon lader, badger carrier, byer and transporter of butter and cheese.

William Buishopp of Trent to be a common maulter.

1. William Chapman of Higham shall receive of the Tresuror of the hospitalls of the western division the some of ffive poundes to be presently payed unto him towards the reedifyinge of his howse and for his releife havinge suffered a grete losse by fyer. John Stowell, Henr. Berkley, Pa: Godwyn, Jo: Harrington, James ffarewell, Tho: Lyte. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 98.]

2. Forasmuch as wee have both seene and are credibly certefyed that James Farr late of Batcombe in this County hath spent many yeares in the warrs for his kinge and Country beinge both born and prest out of the County of Somersett and hath received in his said service such hurts and maymes as he is there by disabled to worke or labour now for his levinge: Uppon consideracon whereof yt is ordered that the said James ffarre shall haue fower pounds a yeare pencon to be payed unto him quarterly by the Treasurer of the meighmed souldiers untill we shall see cause to alter the same. John Stowell, Henry Barkeley, Paul Godwyn, Jo: Harrington, James ffarewell, Tho: Lyte. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 85.]

3. Whereas there was one executed att the last Lent Assizes was twelve months for felony, who left a younge child in the gaole. It is ordered that there shall be twenty pence a weeke

paid unto Richard Browne late Keeper of the gaole from the tyme the said mother was executed until this present equally by the thesaurers of the Hospitalls, and the like payment to continue and be payed unto such parties as shall be chargeable with the said child and undertake the keepinge thereof untill the said child shalbe able to be bound out an apprentice yf the said child doe not dye in the meane tyme.

Jo: Stowell, Henry Barkeley, Wm. Bull, Jo: Harrington, Pa: Godwyn, Abraham Burrell. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 77.]

4. Whereas there hath binn a certaine Bridge within the pishe of Kilmersdon lately foundorous and in decaye which hath binn tyme out of mind repayred by an equall rate by the said pariconers of Kilmersdon which said Bridge is now repayred accordingly by a rate made uppon the said pariconers which some of the said pariconers doe refuse to paye, Sir John Horner, K<sup>t</sup>, to send for the said parishioners refusing to pay their rates and to bind them to the next Sessions. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 90.]

5. William Golston, son of William Golston of Chew Magna, who was bound by the overseers of the poor unto Ann Hyde of Chew Magna aforesaid, widdowe, to serve her in husbandry to be discharged from his apprenticeship, the said William Golston the apprentice was not able to performe such service in Husbandry as was required of him by reason of sickness and feeblenesse of his Limbes. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 91.]

6. Whereas wee are advertized by letters presented unto us from Withm Trumbull, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Muster-Master Generall of England therein shewing that by certificats under the hands of the right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mountioye the Earle of Newport and Sir George Flower, K<sup>te</sup>, governor of Waterford in Ireland presented unto the Lords of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s most Honourable Privy Councell that James ffar late of Batcombe in this County hath spent many yeares in the warrs for his Kinge and Countrie, and that he was not only borne but alsoe prest out of this County at Batcombe aforesaid and hath received in his said service such hurts and maymes as he is thereby disabled to worke or labour for his livinge; Ordered that James ffarr according to the statute in that case made

and provided should receive *4*li**. yearly payable quarterly. [See No. 2.] [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 83, 84, 92.]

7. Forasmuch as yt appeareth unto this Court that Alfons Hopps [*sic*] sonn of Alfons Hobbs of Chilthorne in this County was heretofore bound an Apprentice unto James Hooper of Pitney in the said County blacksmyth to serve him in the trade of a blacksmyth for the space of seaven yeares, and whereas alsoe yt Appeareth unto this Court that the said James Hooper hath very much abused his said Apprentice Alfons Hobbs by givinge him unlawfull correcco<sup>n</sup> insomuch that the said Alfons Hobbs is become very weake, this Courte doth hereuppon order that the said Alfons Hobbs shalbe forthwith discharged from his said Apprentishipp with the said James Hooper, and that all contracts and agreements heretofore made betweene them concerninge the said apprentishipp shall from henceforth be frustrate and made voide and that the said James Hooper shall forthwith repaye unto the said Alfons Hobbs the some of 40*s*. of Currant money of England and shall likewise deliver him all his wearing apparrell. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 93.]

John Stowell, Jo: Harington, He: Berkely, Jo: Harbyn.

8. Whereas there hath binn a difference betweene the piconors of Othery Middlezoy and Weston concerninge the repayinge of a certaine High way called Grelicks ffrost in this County presented heretofore by the Hundred of Whitleigh to be in decaye, which in regarde of some error in the presentment for that yt did not appeare what parte there was out of repayre could not be tryed nor appeare who ought to repayre the same; this Court doth hereuppon desire Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to send for the piconors of the said parishes of Middlezoy Weston and Othery before them and yf possible they cann by consent of all parties compose and end herein or otherwise to binde the parties whom they shall thinke fitt to the next Sessions of the peace for this County there to preferr an indictment for the same way and likewise such parties as they shall conceive to be materiall witnesses herein, and to prepare the evidence against the said time. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 95.]

9. William Elliott of Ileabotts, yeoman, who without any licence or Auctoritie of any Justice of the peace of this County had assigned over his apprentice, Robert Edwards, unto William Rowsewell of Beere Crocombe, Mason, having now submitted himselfe unto this Court, and hath undertaken to performe any order which the said M<sup>r</sup> George Speake and M<sup>r</sup> James Rosse shall againe make concerninge yt; M<sup>r</sup> George Speake and M<sup>r</sup> James Rosse were desired to call the said Elliott and Rowsewell before them and to set downe some direct order herein which yf the said Elliott shall refuse to performe to bind him over to the next Sessions, and in the meanetyme to be of the good behavior. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 94, 96; i, 46.]

10. Thomasine Mullett, likely to become a mother, who was last settled in the parish of Crewkerne as a covenant servant, to be settled there unless the parishioners of Crewkerne should show good cause to the contrary. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 97.]

11. An order made "towards the educacon and bringinge upp" of a child born in the parish of Pulham, in the County of Dorset, the reputed father a Cole Carrier of Lidford, in the county of Somerset, to pay sixteen pence a week untill the said Child shalbe weaned or weaneable; to give sufficient surety to the Churchwardens of the Parish of Pulham; and after the said child shalbe weaned then to take the said Child into his owne Custody and to discharge the said parishes of Pulham of the said Child for ever. In witness whereof wee the said Justics haue hereunto sett our hands and Seales the xxiiij<sup>th</sup> Daye of february, Anno Dm. 1634. Jo. Strode, Witm Coker. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 99.]

12. An order made by Sr Henry Berkely, K<sup>t</sup>, and James ffarewell, Esqr. the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1635, for the keeping and bringing up of Rubine West, born in the parish of Evercreech; finally wee Doe order that the said mother for her fault herein when shee shalbe found stronge and able of body againe, shalbe Committed to the howse of Correcon att Shepton Mallett, there to remayne for one whole yeare, and be punished and sett one worke accordinge to the Lawe in that behalfe. In testimony of

this our order wee haue hereunto sett our hands geoven the Daye and yeare aboue Written. He. Berkely, Ja. ffarewell [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 100.]

13. An order made by John Harrington and Wifm Bassett, Esqrs for the keeping and relieving of a child born in the parish of Weston. [Undated. S.R., lxxiii, ii, 101.]

14. An order made the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1634, by S<sup>r</sup> ffrancis Popham, K<sup>t</sup>, and ffrancis Baber, Esq<sup>r</sup>, touching a child born in the parish of Chewstoke. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 102.]

15, 16. Informations.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> days of July, 11 Charles (1635), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir William Portman, Baronet, Sir Robert Phelipps, Knt., John Symes, Arthur Pyne, Thomas Lutterll, George Speke, William Walrond, Robert Cuffe, John Farewell, and William Every, Esquires.

#### LICENCES GRANTED.

Robert Babb of Walton to be a maulster and to bye his Barley in open markett, and not to make aboue twelve bushells weekly, and not to utter the same in privit Innes or Alehowses.

Robert Gane of Compton Episcopi to bye butter and Cheese in this County, and to sell the same againe in this County or in the County of Devon, in any fayre or markett, and not to trauell with aboue two horses.

William Pynny of Seaborowe to bye weekly in open markett eight bushells of Barley or Dredge, and to sell the same againe.

John Hyte of Staplegrove to bye Corne and Graine.

Henry Pole of Haydon to bye butter in this County.

John Herringe of Hilbushops to bye barly in any fayre or markett in Somerset.

1. The same Treasurers that were Chosen for the last [year] shall continue in their places untill Ivelchester Sessions next at [which] tyme they are to passe their accompt and then new Treasurers to be chosen.

2. John Smydney shall haue and receive of the Thresurer of the Hospitalls of the Westerne Devisioun the some of fyve pounds to be payed unto him with all convenient speede towards his Releife, havinge susteyned greate losse by fyre and burninge of his howse. John Couentrye, Wm. Portman, John ffarewell, Wm. Every, John Stowell, John Symes, Tho. Lyte, Robte Cuff.

3. Whereas yt appeareth by the peticon of the Inhabitants of the pish of Taunton St. James that the howse called the Spittle, neare adioyninge unto the said parish of St. James w<sup>ch</sup> is indowed with lands and Tenem<sup>ts</sup> of a good yearlye value, which said howse and lands were intended by the Donors thereof to be employed to and for the benefitt and releife of such poore and impotent people as be sent unto the said howse from any pte of the County of Somersett. And th[at] of late there are many abuses committed in the imployment both of the said Howse and lands by reason that the picion<sup>rs</sup> of Westmunckton (in which pish the said Howse standeth) or some of them haue gotten into their hands all the conveyances of the said howse and lands, and doe convert the same wholly to the use and benefytt of the parish of West Munckton; notwithstandinge there is alsoe some Annuall pention payed out of the stocke of the said County by the Thresurers unto the said howse; And therefore Desired that some order mought be take[n] by this Courte for the Examinacon of the said abuses [and] some consideracon to be had of the poore of the said pish of St. James, which said pish is much burdened with a greate number of poore people; Uppon Consideracon whereof yt is desired by this Courte and soe ordered that John Couentrye, Esqr, Sir Wiltm Portman, Baronet, John Symes, and Robte Cuff, Esqr<sup>s</sup>, or any three of them wilbe pleased to send for all such parties as



this businesse shall concerne, to appeare before them and examine the same, and thereupon settle some good order therein yf they maye, or otherwise to certefye this Courte what they conceive thereof. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 120.]

4. John Glasse who had been levied upon for not repairing Roade bridge within the tything of Olde Cleeve to be repaid by a rate to be made upon the inhabitants of the whole tything. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 113.]

5. Petition of Charles Luscombe and other inhabitants of the parish of Brodford havinge severall tenem<sup>ts</sup> and lands there unto belonginge explaining that they were rated by the acre without regard being had to the yearly value of each acre which varied; John Couentrye, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Sr Wilm Portman, baronett, John Symes and Robert Cuff, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to order and settle this difference between the said petitioners accordinge to equity and lawe yf they maye or otherwise to certefye the Courte att the next Sessions their oppinions herein. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 37.]

6. Albon Bisse of Henstridge, a poore Labouringe man, having had the written consent of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sr John Bingley, K<sup>t</sup>, one of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> privie Councell of Ireland, Lord of the Mannor and the maior pte of the paricono<sup>rs</sup> there, to build him a cottage there. [S.R., lxxiii, ii 116; i, 1.]

7. Whereas Elizabeth and Johane, daughters of Robert Holcombe of Taunton, in this County, Clothier, were by the said Robte about three yeares last past bound forth apprentices unto John Osborne of Chard, "weaver and Elizabeth his wyffe, for the terme of nyne yeares by them to be instructed and taught the makeinge of bonelace. And forasmuch as yt appeareth unto this Courte that the said John Osborne and Elizabeth his wife, haue most *injuriously* used their said Apprentics, Elizabeth and Johane, by givinge" them unlawfull Correccion and not affordinge them competent sustenance insoemuch that they are like to starve and perish for want thereof. Ordered that they should be forthwith discharged from their apprenticeship. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 115.]

8. Divers Constables of the hundreds within this County who had neglected or refused to [levy] and pay in their equal proportions towards the repairing of two Bridges within the parish of West Lidford according to the warrants of sower [Justices] legally sent forth according to the form of the statute, ordered to pay in all such moneys as is yet behinde unto the receiver formerly appoynted by the said former warrants in default to be bound over by the next Justices of the peace to answer their refusal at the next General Sessions. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 112.]

9. An order made the 20th day of May, 1635, by Gawen Mallett and William Every, Esqrs., concerning a child born in the parish of Wiveliscombe. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 111.]

10. An order made the 13th day of July 11th Charles, by the Right Worp<sup>l</sup> Sr Robte Phelipps, Kt., and John Harbyn, Esqr, concerninge the fausteringe educacon and bringing upp of one Edward, a child born in the parish of East Coker. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 110.]

11. An order made by Rice Davis and Richard Cole, Esqrs, the 12th day of July, 1635, for and concerning a child born in the parish of Yeatton. The mother to be sent to the "howse of correcon" there to remayne accordinge to the lawe for the space of one whole yeare. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 109.]

12. An order made by Sir Henry Berkeley, Kt., and James ffarewell, Esqr, the 3rd day of July, 1635, for the keeping and bringing up of a child born in the parish of Horsington. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 107.]

13. An order made the 10th day of July, 1635, by Wiltm Capell and Richard Cole, Esqrs, concerning a child born at Kewstoke. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 106.]

14. An order made and sett downe by Gawen Mallett and Wiltm Every, Esqrs, at Milverton, the first day of July, 1635,

concerning the relief and maintenance of a base manchild born in the parish of Wellington. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 41.]

15. Whereas Christofer Smalwell late servante to ffranceis Hales late of Wellow, deceased, demaunded of Mervin Hales brother and administrator of the said ffrancis the some of 4*li*. 8*sh*. for erreregs of wadges in respecte that the said Mervin in open Courte affermed that the estate of the said ffrancis is fully administrated and that accons of Lawe now depend to that purpose by means whereof he hath not in his hands of thestate of the said ffrancis to satisfie the said Smallwell: Nevertheless this Courte hath desired the said Mervin to give out of his owne purse (in respecte the said Cristofer bestowed his tyme in his brother's service) the some of fforty shillings with which the said Smallwell is very well contented, and uppon payment thereof Doth Discharge the said Mervin Hales for and concernge the said wadges. [S.R., lxxiii, ii, 114.]

16. Littera Dñi Rs Direct Judicibus ad Assizes tent apud Taunton Anno Regn. sui vndecimo

Charles R.

Trusty and welbeloved wee greete you well: Whereas by Diuerse our lawes and statutes and by the Anchient practice of this or Kingdome all Recognizances taken before Justics of the peace w<sup>thin</sup> the seſſall counties of this our Realme for the p<sup>r</sup>servacon of our peace the good behaviour of vnruely psons and such like ought to be certefied att the next generall Assizes or Quarter Sessions of the peace to be holden for the Countie where the same were taken to the end they may be there publicly Called vppon and the pties appearinge receive condigne punishmente accordinge to the nature of their seſſall facts to the terefyng of others from comittinge the like offencs and that as well the forfytures conteyned in such Recognizancs as all yssues lost by Juro<sup>rs</sup> and all other synes, yssues and am<sup>er</sup>ciam<sup>ts</sup> sett lost or forfytet either before any of our Justices of Assizes and Gaole Deliv<sup>er</sup>ie or Justics of peace ought and are to be estreated into or Exchequer and levied to our vse the

same beinge agreeable to Justice and tendinge greetely to the p<sup>r</sup>servacon of the peace of all our lovinge subie<sup>ts</sup>: Howbeyt wee are credably given to vnderstand that (notw<sup>th</sup>standinge the stricte lawes and ordinancs aforesaid) Di<sup>ff</sup>use Justics of the peace w<sup>th</sup>in some of the Counties of yo<sup>r</sup> Circuite Doe vse ordinarily to release such Recognizancs before the Assizes and generall Sessions vppon the agreem<sup>te</sup> of the pties when most comonly the Recognizancs are forfyted before or vppon some other private respects of their owne and certefye the same soe released and most comonly w<sup>th</sup> very poore sureties Discharginge the pties bound from their appearances thereupon and likewise that some Justics keepe back such Recognizancs from the Assizes and Sessions vncertefyed vppon like respects And alsoe that some Clarkes of the Assizes and Clarkes of the peace Discharge Di<sup>ff</sup>use Recognizancs yssues of Juro<sup>rs</sup> and other fynes yssues and a<sup>n</sup>ciam<sup>ts</sup> sett lost and forfyted att the Assizes and Sessions vppon sundrie psons w<sup>ch</sup> by or said Lawes and Statutes ought to be estreated into our Courte of Exchequer by their true names and places of habitacon p<sup>r</sup>tendinge that they haue some Direcons for their soe Doinge from some of our Judges or Justics of Assizes att their Assizes or from some of our Justics of peace att their quarter Sessions whereas in truth such fynes yssues and a<sup>n</sup>ciam<sup>ts</sup> and other forfytures ought in noe sorte to be released or discharged but to be left to our owne mercye and grace and to be certefyed into o<sup>r</sup> Exchequor where wee haue giuen power to o<sup>r</sup> Treasurer Chauncellor and Barrons by our letters of privie Seale to mitegate the rigor hereof vppon iust cause appearinge vnto them All w<sup>ch</sup> wee havinge taken into o<sup>r</sup> Princely Consideracon and findinge how much these abuses Doe trench vppon the Justice of our Kingdome and tend to the Diminucon of our iust and Due rights haue resolved to admonish all Justices Clarkes of the Assizes and Clarkes of the peace of the p<sup>r</sup>misses and Doe therefore hereby charge and Comaunde you o<sup>r</sup> Judges that att your se<sup>t</sup>all Assizes w<sup>th</sup>in yo<sup>r</sup> Circuits you cause these o<sup>r</sup> letters to be publiquely read lettinge them knowe our greate Dislike of such their proceedinges And that yt is our expresse pleasure that our said Justics be more carefull in taking good securitie vppon Recognizancs and that neither you nor any of the said Clarkes of Assizes or Clarkes of the peace

Doe p<sup>r</sup>sume to Deteyne the said Recognizances or any the foresaid fynes yssues or am<sup>o</sup>ciam<sup>ts</sup> vncertefyed as aforesaid or to Discharge or leave out any pson or Debts w<sup>ch</sup> ought to be estreated into our Exchequor for any respecte or cause whatsoever vppon payne of our High Displeasure and to be p<sup>r</sup>ceeded against in our Courte of Starr Chamber and otherwise accordinge to the nature of such offences Given vnder o<sup>r</sup> Signett att our Pallace at Westminster, the sixth Daye of July in the Eleaventh yeare of our Reigne.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER, the 6th, 7th, and 8th days of October, 11 Charles (1635), before Sir Edward Rodney, Knt., Edward Kellat, D.D., John Harrington, George Pawlett, Arthur Pyne, Abraham Burrell, Robert Cuffe, William Every, and William Bull, Esquires.

1. Six pounds shalbe forthwith payed by the Treasurers of the Hosppitalls of the Easterne Devision yf there be money in their hands, to Discharge the same to the pariconors of West Brodly to the use of Robert Gardner the peticonor towards his releife and Losse by fire. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 96, 97, 98.]

2. Six pounds to be paid to the Treasurers of the Hospitals of both divisions to the use of Robte Williams of the same pish towards his releife and losse which he lately susteyned by fire.

3. Three pounds, six shillings and eight pence to be paid by the Treasurer of Hospitals for the Wester Division w<sup>th</sup> all convenient speede towards the releife of a child settled at Cannington being a moiety which had remained unpaid. [See Wells Sessions 7th Charles. Differences between Canington and "Hunspill," Order 7.] [S.R., lxxiii, i, 99.]

4. Whereas yt appeareth vppon the humble peticon of the Inhabitants of the Burrowe of Somerton that the said Burrowe together with a small hamlett called Hurcott have theretofore

and yet Doe beare a fowerth parte of all rates and taxes imposed uppon the hundred of Somerton, and that the said hundred consists of tenn Tythings most of which are very rich and greate, but the said Burrowe is very poore havinge noe trade to subsist on, and havinge many poore people Inhabitinge therein which are relieved by the said Burrowe whereby the said Burrough is like to be much more impoverished thereby, and are much greived therewith and have peticoned this Courte for their redresse. Referred to Thomas Lyte, Abraham Burrell and Wilm Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to examine the premisses, and settle an order. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 54, 100.]

5. Six pounds yearly to be paid unto the bayleife of the Burrowe of Ivelchester for time beinge for and towards the releife and mayntennc of a younge Child, whose mother, one Mary Stevens, was executed for felonie att the Assizes and generall Gaole Deliverie held for this Countie ; payable quarterly vntill the said Child shalbe fitt and able to be bound forth an Apprentice yf shee shall happen soe Longe to live. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 101.]

6. Robert Harris, sonn of Frances Harris of Aishcott, in this County, Widdow, who had been bound by the Churchwardens and Overseers of Aishcott an Apprentice unto one Nicholas Morris of the same parish to serve him in husbandry accordinge to the Statute, to be discharged of his apprenticeship forasmuch as yt appeareth unto this Courte that the said Nicholas Morris hath hardly Dealt with his said Apprentice, Robte Harris, by vniustlyaccusinge and prosecutinge him by way of Indictmente att the last quarter Sessions held att Taunton for stealinge and purloyninge his said master's goods, whereof he was then legally acquitted. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 62, 102.]

7. Certayne Differencs betweene the Inhītants of Tythings of Pitney and Knolle, and the parish of Muchelney within this County concerninge their rates and taxes referred unto Sir John Stowell, Kt., and Arthur Pyne, Esq<sup>r</sup>, to settle a certaine course between them yf they may, or to certefie their proceedings att the next Sessions. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 57.]

8. Thomas Cooke, of Wembdon, in this County, Laborer, a very poore man, and like to fall into greate miserie for want of a necessary habitacon who had obteyned leave and licence of the Lord of the Manor of Wembdon aforesaid, and the Overseers of the poore of the said pish to errecte and build him a Cottage. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 103.]

9. Mr Bull and Mr Burrell to make an order for the levying of *6*li.* 3*sh.* 2*d.**, which Hugh Spurr and Richard Dibble had disbursed towards the repair of Burrough Bridge. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 63, 105.]

10. Anthony Cooke sonne of Anthony Cooke, of Somerton, husbandman, who was heretofore bound as an Apprentice vnto Abraham Yandall, of Charde, in the said County, Clothier, for the space of Seaven yeares, to be discharged of his apprenticeship, the said Abraham Yandall is now gonn forth of this Country for Debte whereby the said Cooke is Destitute of service. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 106.]

11. The Difference betweene the parishes of Allerton and Weare concerning the settling of Susan Hooper referred to Sr Edward Rodney, K<sup>t</sup>, and W<sup>illm</sup> Capell, Esqr. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 107.]

12. Whereas the Inhabitants of North streete, within the tythinge of Spaxton haue binn alwayes secluded from beinge present att the makinge of any rates that shall arise uppon the said Tythinge for any taxes or payments whatsoever whereby they are continually in all payments agreeved and overcharged by some of the same Tythinge:—George Powlett and Robert Cuff, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to send for some of the inhabitants of North Streete, Pightly, and Spaxton beinge three Divisions within that Tythinge of Spaxton aforesaid, and to order that the Inhabitants of each the three Devisions may be present att the makinge of all rates within and for the said Tythinge, whereby neither of them may be overcharged or to certefie att the next Sessions what they have Donn herein. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 50, 108.]

13. Mathew Younge now maketh Oath, etc., against Robert Royse, of East Lambrooke within the pish of Kingsbury, carpenter, for ingrossinge of Corne on ground contrary, etc.

14. An order made by Sr Robert Gorge, Kt., and Richard Cole, Esqr, the 3rd day of July, 1635, for and concerning a child born in the parish of Nailesly. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 111.]

15. An order made by Arthur Pyne and Robert Cuffe, Esqrs, the last day of July, 1635, concerning a child born in the parish of Michaell Creech. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 93.]

16. An order made by us whose names are subscribed, the 10th day of September, 1635, for and towards the relief of a child born in the parish of Exton. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 92.] Jo. Wyndham, Tho. Luttrell.

17. An order made the 4th day of October, 1635, by Abraham Burrell and Wiilm Bull, Esqrs, for the maintenance of Gracious Cole a base manchild born in the parish of Catcott. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 86.]

18. Whereas there is a Difference betweene the pariconors of East Harptrey and the pariconors of Cumpton Marten concerning the setlinge of one Andrewe Covey who was about tenn yeares since pressed out of the parish of East Harptrey as a Souldier for his mats. service and is now of late retourned to Compton Marten beinge the place of his birth. Now: uppon hearinge the Difference and allegacons of both sides, It is ordered by the consent of the said pariconors of East Harptrey that they shall forthw<sup>th</sup> paye the pariconors of Compton Marten the some of ffive pounds, tenn shillings towards the releife and mayntennce of the said Andrew Covey, and the money to remayne in the hands of the pariconors of Compton Marten vntill the said Andrew Covey beinge a Currier of leather by his trade cann gett another setlinge place elsewhere, whereby he may exercise his said trade and gett his Livinge. And It is likewise ordered by the consente of the pariconors of Cumpton Marten that asoone as the said Andrew Covey shall settle himselfe in some



other place where the said Andrew may be enabled to gett his livinge by the said trade that the piconor<sup>rs</sup> of Cump-ton Marten shall add and make up the said ffive pounds, tenn shillings to tenn pounds, tenn shillings, and shall within one Moneth next after the said Andrew shalbe soe settled and plased elsewhere, paye the said some of x*li*. xs. unto him the said Andrew for the livelyhoode of him and his ffamely. [S.R., lxxiii, i, 67, 68, 109.]

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS, the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th days of January, 11 Charles (1635-6), before William (Piers) Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir Ralph Hopton, K.B., Sir John Stowell, K.B., Sir Robert Phelipps, Sir Edward Rodney, Sir Henry Barkley, Gerard Wood, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Harrington, William Walrond, Anthony Stocker, Abraham Burrell, William Bull, Thomas Lyte and John Harbyn, Esquires.

LICENCES GRANTED.

John Evans of ffroome Zellwood to bye fower quarters of wheate and bines [beans] weekly in open marketts and ffayres. Robtus Carpinter, of Rodden, to bye two quarters of beanes and other graine weekly in open marketts.

Johes Harris of Chelworthe to bye three quarters weekly of wheate, rye, barly and other graine in any markett in this County, and convert the same into meale and sell in Bristoll or any markett in this County.

Richard Barnes of Publowe to be a badger of corne and graine, and to bye whete, rye, barly in any markett in this County and convert the same into meale and sell againe in Bristoll or in any other fayre or markett in this County not exceedinge three quarters weekly.

Johes Ossett of ffroome Zellwood to bye three quarters of wheate and one quarter of benes weekly in the County of Wiltes and to sell the same in fayres or marketts in this County.

Nicholas Martyn of Publowe to bye barly, dredge and oates in any markett in this County and to convey the same into Mault, and sell againe in any markett in this said County not exceeding fower quarters weekly.

1. Whereas uppon a Traverse att Wells Sess<sup>s</sup> last Anno x<sup>o</sup> Caroli Rs. concerninge a waye which was in decay within the parish of Dundrey and uppon a tryall thereof yt was founde to be repayred by the parish of Dundry and then ordered to be repayred by the said parish of Dundry which uppon their peticon now preferred yt appeareth that the said waye doth still remayne in decaye. S<sup>r</sup> ffrauncis Popham, K<sup>te</sup>, Thomas Smyth and Francis Baber, Esquires, or any two of them wilbe pleased to calle the said parties before them and take some speedy order for the repayre of the said waye.

2. Whereas there are certaine issues estricated out of this Court uppon the inhabitants of the Cittie and Burrowe of Wells for not repayringe a certaine waye called Portway in the parish of St. Cutberts yt is ordered that the said issues shalbe paid by a generall rate to be made uppon the said inhabitants of the said cittie and burrowe [such as refused to pay to be bound to the next Sessions], and further for that the seid waye is still out of repayre, S<sup>r</sup> Edward Rodney, Doctor Wood and Doctor Godwyn or any two of them wilbe pleased to convent the parties whome yt may concerne before them and examine who ought to repayre the waye and to take some spedie course for the repayre thereof by those who ought to doe the same and to certefie their proceedings att the next Sessions.

3. John Amyas of Burneham in this county, gent., who was by the jury in the courte leete or lawday att Burnham elected, but not sworn, to be one of the constables of the hundred of Bempston for this year, to be exempted from serving by reason of his sicknesse.

4. Order made by the courte upon the complaint at the Wells Sessions last past by divers of the inhabitants of Wells ffor that they were overrated x<sup>s</sup> in their rates to the maighmed souldiers, etc.

5. Sr Henry Berkely, K<sup>t</sup>, and Robert Hopton, Esquire, to make an order respecting a child whose mother had fled leaving the child w<sup>th</sup> certaine goods behinde her.

6. Upon the certificate of Gawen Mallet, Esq<sup>r</sup>, alsoe by the certificatt of the cheife inhabitants of the parish of Wellington, Witm Cogan to be forthwith discharged from his apprentice Richard Frankelin, who hath comitted diverse and sundry notorious misdemeanors, and doth continue soe desolute and false that his master dares not trust him in his howse or w<sup>th</sup> any goods and forasmuch as the said Richard Frankelin hath confessed in his examinacon taken before Gawen Mallet, Esq., aforesaid that he tooke out of his master's money boxe the some of fower pence in money. Ralph Hopton, John Harington, Gerrard Wood, John Harbine.

7. William Bucke of Winford, a very poore man like to fale into very greate misery for want of a necessarie place of habitation who had obteyned leave and licence of the now lorde of the Mannor of Winford, together with the consent of the Maior parte of the Inhabitants of the said pish to erecte and builde him a Cottage upon some parte of the waste ground of the said Mannor.

8. Whereas uppon Complaint made unto this Court by the Inhabitants of the parish of Wellowe in this Countie, that whereas certaine particuler parties Inhabitants of the Parish of Combehay in this Countie havinge grounds lyinge within the parish of Wellowe, haue anciently and ever untill of late paid towards the mayntenaunce and releife of the poore of the pish of Wellowe, proporconably as other the Inhabitants of the said parish of Wellowe haue donne which now they refuse to paye. Order made that the Inhabitants of Combehay should from henceforth pay such rates and all the errerages behinde for this yeare last past.

9. Somerset Ad genal Sessõem pacs tent apud Wells in Com p<sup>d</sup>. Nono Die Januarij Anno Ra<sup>i</sup> Dni nri Jacobi grã

Anglie fraunc et Hibine Regis fidei defensor xc. Decimo octavo et Socie liiij Annos Dni. 1621. [Order No. 14.]

Forasinuch as yt appeareth unto this Courte that Clement Stokes of Shepton Mallett in the Countey aforesaid in the tyme of warrs in Ireland was pressed a Souldier for the warrs aforesaid and served there for the space of six yeares under the Comaund of the Earle of Ormonth as by his passe under the said Earle's hande and Seale appeared. In which service he received Diverse wounds and maymes whereof now in his Olde age he is altogether unable to gett mayntenncce for himselfe and famelie.—Forty shillings yearly ordered to be paid to him by the Treasurer of Maimed Soldiers equally at every Quarter Sessions "Att Wells Sess<sup>s</sup> Anno Dni, 1634," it was ordered that he should "receive the addicon of one Marke more" payable in the same manner. "Att this present Sessions att Wells the xij<sup>th</sup> of January, 1635" It is ordered that this peticonor<sup>s</sup> pencon shalbe increased to fower pounds pr Ann. W<sup>m</sup> Portman, Ralph Hopton, Henry Berkely, Ed. Rodney, John Stowell, John Harington.

10. Whereas there are certaine differences betweene the pariconors of Allerton and Weare in this Countie concerninge the settlinge of one Susan Hooper, And whereas Edmund Bower of Allerton aforesaid, gent., hath att this Sessions made affidavit that the said Susan Hooper was last Inhabitinge and settled att Weare: Ordered that she should remain in Weare until they show good cause to the contrary.

11. Uppon the peticon of the Inhitants of Glaston unto this Cort<sup>t</sup> preferred that whereas through the multitude of Alehouses the said Towne of Glaston is much prejudiced and decaied; And the Inhabitants therein of the meaner sorte much impoverished through their dayly resorte unto them by meanes whereof Diverse of their Children become chargeable unto the said parish, in regarde that formerly eight Alehouses onely haue heretofore byn lycensed for the same Towne, and that uppon the certificate of the men of the best qualetie there; Whereuppon this Courte doth now order that uppon the like certeficate of

those of the better qualitie and they in office there shalbe but onely eight alehowses licensed allowed and authorized accordinge as yt hath binn heretofore ordered and allowed, and all the rest to be suppressed, and uppon complaint of the Officers of the said Towne that any others Doe tipple and sell over and above those eight w<sup>ch</sup> shalbe licensed from henceforth unto any Justice of peace that the said partics shalbe bound to the good behavior and to appeare att the next generall Sessions.

12. Uppon the Humble peticon of the paricono<sup>rs</sup> of Linge in this County unto this Court preferred therein shewing that whereas one Thomas Standard, Petty Constable of Linge afore-saide, haveinge Collected in the tythinge of Linge of the Inhabitants there certaine somes of money towards his Mat<sup>s</sup>. Shippinge in which his Collecon the said Standard hath over-charged some of the piconors of that tythinge whereby he hath Collected more then was due or payable there and the overplus money remayneth in his owne hands for his owne proper use.— Referred unto Arthur Pyne, William Bull, Abraham Burrell and Robte Cuff, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them, to binde the said Standard to the next Sessions yf he be found faultee or otherwise to certefie att the next Sessions what they have done herein.

13. Whereas yt appeareth vnto the Courte that there are certaine differences betweene Edmund Hobbs of Higham, in this County, Blacksmith, and John Hodges of Combe, within the parish of Huish, and that yt appeareth that the said Hodges by his dayly instigacons hath sett a difference betweene the said Hobbs and his wyfe, insoemuch that they are separated and doe not live together as man and wife ought to Doe; Sr John Stayell, K<sup>te</sup>, and Arthur Pyne, Esq<sup>r</sup>. to call the said Edmund Hobbs and his wyfe and the said John Hodges before them and examine the difference, and settle a peace betweene them yf they maye, and to certefie their proceedings att the next Sessions.

14. Adam Bayly, who was apprenticed to Robte. Heale of Buckland Dynham, to serve him in the trade of a Clothworker for the term of seven years, And whereof the said Adam Bayly hath served him two yeares of the said seaven yeares, and that now the said Robert Heale his master is runn forth of the

Country, to be discharged from his apprenticeship. Guil. Bathe et Wellen, Gerard Wood, John Harrington, Ralph Hopton.

15. Whereas Johane Weekes of North Petherton in this County, widow, was att the last Quarter Sessions, holden for this County att Bridgewater, tryed and convicted uppon two severall Indictments, and thereuppon fyned five Shillings and adjudged a monethes Imprisonmente, since which tyme the said Johane Weekes hath peticoned his matie herein concerninge the same matter, and hath graciously binn pleased and soe ordered that the said Johane Weekes her Imprisonm<sup>te</sup> shalbe deferred untill further order be given by the Courte, and that yf any warrants shalbe procured or taken forth against her that uppon sight of this Order all his Maties Officers to whome such warrant shall come shall forbear the execucon thereof.

16. Walter Koome of Whitechurch, in this County, to erect and build him a cottage there.

17. William Crooch, sone of William Crooch of Beere Crocombe, Labourer, who was bound an apprentice unto Robert Lutly, late of Beerecrocombe aforesaid, Clark, and the said Robte. Lutley now deceased, Johane Lutley his Widdowe and Administratrix of the said Robert Lutley having little or noe employment for him the said William Crooch hath moved the Courte to be freed of the said Apprentice William Crooch. And yt is conceived by the Courte that the said Apprentice William Crooch was not legally placed w<sup>th</sup> the said Robte. Lutley, in regarde he was a Clergieman and therefore was not capable of Apprentice, and further that the said Robert Lutley beinge dead the said Johane Lutley is not Compellable to keep the said Apprentice. Ordered to be freed and discharged from his apprenticeship. Gerard Wood, John Harbin, Tho. Lyte, John Harrington.

18. The "Deputie" Treasurer of Hospitals for the Eastern Division having stated that there was no money to satisfy the order made at the last Sessions for the payment of 6*l.* to the use of Robert Williams of West Bradly, for his losses sustained by fire. Ordered that the money should be paid forthwith by

the Treasurer of maymed Souldiers yf he hath soe much in Stocke, or otherwise to be paid by which shall first haue soe much in Stocke. W<sup>m</sup>. Portman, Ralph Hopton, Anthony Stocker, Ed. Rodney, W<sup>m</sup>. Capell, John Harrington.

19. John Perry of Durleigh, Laborer, to erect and build him a cottage there, provided that the said John Perry doe against the next Sessions procure the licence and condescent of the now Lord of the Soyle of Durleigh, etc.

20. The Treasurer of the Hospitals for the Eastern Division to pay vnto Richard Addis of Priddie, in this Countie, Laborer, the some of five Markes towards his releife, beinge impotent, and hereafter he is to be left to the Charge of the parish where he Leiveth, there to be received accordinge to the Lawe. John Horner, E. Rodney, Tho. Smyth, Tho. Lyte, Henry Berkeley, W<sup>m</sup>. Walrond.

21. Whereas complaint is made unto us by the overseers of the poore of the parish of Wells that one George Kellson and his Wife, late Inhabitants of the said parish, havinge one Childe and beinge possest of certaine goods, and of the sum of thirtie pounds, due by specialite from George Jones, gent., did runn away from the said Childe, leavinge the same uppon the said parish ; And whereas that since the said George Kellson and his wife's Departure one Richard Allen havinge taken the said goods into his Custodie, and soe have bereft the said Childe of mayntenance, which uppon examinacon before us is founde to be true ; uppon consideracon whereof this Courte doth thinke fitt and soe order that the said Richard Allen shall redeliver the said Goods soe taken away into the hands of the said overseers within tenn Dayes now followinge, And that the said George Jones shall likewise paie into the hands of the said Overseers the said Thirtie pounds due unto the said George Kellson to be employed for the said Child's mayntennce, and yf the said George Jones shall att any tyme hereafter be sued or impleaded for the said Thirtie pounds in any Courte of Justice whatsoever, and the Judges thereof uppon perusal in Consideracon of this order shall not thinke fitt to staye such suite, then the said Overseers shall

repaye unto the said George Jones the said Thirtie pounds againe which this Courte Doth Humbly submitt unto the Judges.

22. Nothing having been done towards settling the differences betweene the inhabitants of the parishe and tithing of Pitney and Knoll and the picono<sup>rs</sup> of Muchelney, concerning their rates and taxes, it was again referred unto Sir John Stawell, Arthur Pyne and Wiltm Walrond, or any two of them to settle.

23. Whereas a certaine parcell of grounde in Northover was purchased att the Charge of the Countie uppon which a howse of Correc<sup>co</sup>n hath been built att the like Charge of the Countie which the Countie hath usually lett unto the Sheriffe for the tyme beinge att the yearely rent of xs. who have enioyed the same accordingly and whereas the now Sheriffe of the Countie hath had the use of the howse for one whole yeare now last past att the said yearely rent of xs., wee doe therefore order and thinke fitt that the said Sheriffe of the Countie shall continue the possession and use of the said howse for the like yearly Rent of xs. proporconably untill his ma<sup>tie</sup> shalbe pleased to make choyce of a new Sheriffe.

Ralph Hopton, Ed: Rodney, Wm. Walrond, John Harrington, Gerard Wood, Tho: Lyte, John Harbin.

24. An order made by Sr Henry Berkeley, Kt., and James ffarewell, Esqr., the first day of October, 1635, concerning a child born in the parish of Castle Carey.

25. An order made the 23rd day of December, 1635, by Abraham Burrell and Wiltm Bull, Esquires, for the mainten<sup>ance</sup> of a base woman childe named Marie born in the parish of Weston.

26. An order made by us the third day of December, 1635, towards the reliefe and maintenance of a woman child born in the parish of Stockperoo. Five pounds to be employed as a stock the interest of which was to be paid towards the reliefe of the child untill the said child shall accomplish the age of eight



yeares att which tyme the said five pounds shalbe imployed towards the puttinge out of the said childe to be an Apprentice, etc. Jo: Wyndham, Tho: Luttrell.

27. Andrew Covey to forthwith receive of the Treasurer of the meighmed souldiers £5 towards his present relief, etc. [See preceding Bridgwater Sessions, No. 18.]

28. Whereas at the generall Sessions of the peace held at Wells 13 Januarij Anno 4<sup>o</sup> Rs. Caroli, there was a pencon of *6li. per ann.* graunted to one John Webb of Kainsham beinge a meiyed soldier and wheras the said John Webb beinge growen aged and full of Infirmities by the reason of the wounds he receaued in the warrs which said infirmities daily increasinge and being now unable any ways to releve himselfe and family hath hereuppon peticoned this Court to augment his pencon, which accordingly this Court doth thinke fitt and soe order his pension to be increased to *4li. per ann.* more over and above the said *6li. per ann.*

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER, the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th days of April, 12 Charles (1636), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir Robert Phelipps, Sir Henry Barkley, Paul Godwyn, D.D., Robert Hendley, John Harrington, Arthur Pyne, Thomas Light, John Harbyn, James Farewell, Abraham Burrell, and William Bull, Esquires.

#### LICENCES GRANTED.

John Danyell of Murlinch to bye one quarter of wheate or any other graine in open Marketts and sell againe.

Lycense is graunted unto Edward Leat of Horsington to bee a common badger, buyer and seller of butter and cheese.

Richard Perfect of West Lidford to be a common badger or Corne.

William Hitchcott of Temple Combe to be a badger of butter and cheese.

William Younge of West Lidford to be a common badger of Corne.

At this Sessions John Pyne, Esqr., is chosen Treseror of the hospitalls of the westerne Division, and James Percivall, Esqr., is chosen Treseror of the easterne Division; and Mr. Farewell and Mr. Harbine are entreated to take the accompt of the Last Treserors.

At this Sessions Sir William Portman, Kt. and Baronet, is chosen Treseror of the meighmed soldiers; and Mr. Lyte and Mr. Burrell to take the accompt of the Last Treseror.

1. Paul Godwyn, D.D., and James Rosse, Esq., who had examined a difference concerning certain grounds within the hundred of Tyntenhull which paid nothing towards the rates of the said hundred, again desired to examine the same in order to rectify a mistake. [See Wells Sessions, 3 Charles, No. 1, Ivelchester, 4 Charles, No. 26.]

2. A Difference betweene the easter and western parte of the hundred of Cataishe Concerninge their rates and payments referred unto Sir Henry Berkely, Knight, Paul Godwyn, D.D. James ffarewell, and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them.

3. Whereas the Inhabitants of the parish of Huntspill haue complayned to the Court at this Sessions that heretofore there haue binn kept within the said parishe about lx ploughes, and that now there is not kept above 23 plowghes within the same parishe by reason that a greate parte of the Land of that parishe of the valew of 2000*li. p. Ann.* at the Least is Leased to diverse out dwellers from the said parishe, and that the reperacons of the highwayes within the said parishe beinge about five miles in Compasse and noe stones to bee hadd for the same but such as are to bee fetched at the least two miles from thence are very Chargeable and burdensome to the Inhabitants of the same parishe (the out dwellers from the said parishe and the Leasees

of the Lands aforesaid lying within the said parishe denyinge to contribute towards the repacons of the said highwayes for that they dwell not there); And the said Inhabitants did now likewise Complayne that lately there hath binn Leveyed upon them the some of *4*li*. 13*sh*. 4*d**. for yssues forfeited at former Sessions for not repairinge some parte of the said highwayes. And the said Inhabitants now peticoned that the said out dwellers may be ordered to contribute towards the charge of the repacon of the said highwayes and alsoe towards the payment of the said some of *4*li*. 13*sh*. 4*d**. William Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esqs., to settle a course by consent if they can between the parishioners and out dwellers; If they cannot then to set down their opinions in what manner the said out dwellers should contribute.

4. Difference concerning the election and service of the Constables of the hundred of ffroome; ordered that the Constables of the said hundred shall be elected and chosen accordinge to the antient use, and as they have binn accustomed to be chosen.

5. Upon motion made unto the Court; Sr Henry Berkeley, Knight, and James ffarewell, Esq., were desired to settle an order for the relief of a child in time to come, born in the parish of Abbotts Combe, whose mother had since married.

6. An order that an indifferent rate should be made by the inhabitants of Badialton in order to repay Alexander Webber of Badialton, who had been levied upon for their not repairing a certain highway within the said parish.

7. Whereas yt appeareth unto this Court that one ffrancis Broakes was about fower [*sic*] bound Apprentice to one John Gifford of Lye in this Countie, broadweaver, to serve him for the space of seaven yeares, and whereas yt likewise appeareth unto the Court that the said John Gifford is a very olde and blinde man and fallen into greate povertie insomuch that he hath releife from the parishe and that he is not able to maintaine his said Apprentice. ffrancis Broakes ordered to be discharged from

his apprenticeship. Henry Berkley, James ffarewell, John Symes, John Harrington.

8. William Nurton who had taken as a composition from Henry Poole of Taunton of  $3\frac{1}{2}l.$   $8s\frac{1}{2}$ . and so freed and discharged him from a warrant of the good behaviour, thereby abusing the authority and power of the said warrant of this Court to appear before Sr John Stawell, Knight of the Bathe, to repay the money if it should be thought fit and to bind Nurton to the next Sessions.

9. Upon the petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Bradford it was ordered that their rates should from henceforth be made accordinge to the yearly valew and worth of every particular man's tenement, Estate and Land, and not accordinge to the number of acres within the said parish of Bradford as hath binn usually Donn heretofore.

10. The complaint of the inhabitants of the parish of Tyntenhull that heretofore there have binn kept within the said parishe about sixteene ploughes and that now there is not kept above six ploughes within the same parish by reason that a great parte of the Land of the Parishe of the valew of eight hundred pounds *p. Ann.* at the least is leased to Diverse out Dwellers from the said parishe and that the repacons of the highwayes within the said parish being about fower miles in Compasse, and noe stones to bee had for the same but as are to bec fetched at the least two myles from thence. [The out dwellers and lessees of lands within the parish not contributing towards the repairs.] Referred to Sr Robte Phelipps, Knight, John Harbin, and Thos. Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup>.

11. Wheras there is a yearly paie of twelve pounds to bee paid to the bailiffe of Burrow of Ivelchester for the tyme beinge for and towards the releife and maintenance of two young children, the mothers of which Children were executed for felony at the Assizes and Gaol Delivery held for this Countie, which said children haue binn provided for by Richard Browne, keeper of his Maties Gaol ; Browne first ordered to be paid his charges and disbursements and the yearly pay to remain to be paid to the Bailiff of Ivelchester,

12. An order made by Sr John Stawell, Kt., and Tho: Lyte, Esqr, concerning a child born in the parish of Long Sutton. Dated 5th day of March, xi Charles.

13. An order made by John Coventry, Esqr, Sr W<sup>m</sup> Portman, baronet, and John Symes, Esqr, 22nd day of April, 1636, concerning the maintenance and relief of a child born in the parish of Kingston.

14. An order made for the relief and discharge of a child born in the parish of Ilebrewers wherof one Robte Leekly, late of Chelsey in the Countie of Middlesex, yeoman, is the reputed father. 17 March, 11 Charles. Arth. Payne, W<sup>m</sup> Walrond.

15. An order made by Geo. Pawlett and Robert Cuffe, Esqrs, for the relief of a child born at Northpetherton. Given under our hands this xxij<sup>o</sup> Daie of Aprill, Anno Dni 1636.

16. An order made for and concerning the relief and discharge of the parish of Barrington of and from a child born there. Dated under our hands 1st day of April, xij Charles. Geor. Speake, W. Walrond.

17. An order made by Sir William Portman, Baronett, and John Symes, Esqr., the 22nd day of April, 1636, touching the maintenance and relief of a child born in the parish of Taunton St. James, etc. First for that the said Washer is a very poore man and hath not wherewithall to maintaine himselfe and his wife, and hath for this his offence binn a longe tyme in prison, whereby he is much impoverished, wee Doe therfore order that the said John Washer shall from hencforth paie vnto the said fflorence Warren 4*d*. weekly. The said John Washer shall become bound vnto the said fflorence Warren in the some of xx*li*. for performance of this our order. In witnesse wherof.

18. The matter of the petition of the inhabitants of the "Burrow of Stoford" respecting certain differences between the inhabitants of Barwicke Chilton and the said inhabitants of

Stoford concerninge raysinge of money within the hundred of Barwicke uppon all rates wherein the said Inhabitants of Stoford pretend they are much overburdened and overrated ; referred to Sr Robte Phelipps, Kt., Tho. Lyte and John Harbin, Esqrs.

19 and 20. Informations.

"To our Loveinge ffreind the Clerke of the peace for the Countye of Somerset."

"After our hartie Comendacons Whereas his Matie expecteth a pticuler accompt of the number of all the Alehouse keepers and Tipplinge houses licensed within the Countie of Somerset We Doe therefore hereby will and Comand you within twentie Dayes after the receipt hereof eyther to bringe up or send to us in writinge under yo<sup>r</sup> hand a true List of all the Alehouse keepers and Tipplers licensed within that County distinguished into the severall places and parishes where they dwell expressinge their Cristen names Sirnames and his or her Suretyes, As alsoe the number of all the Recognizances entred into by any Alehouse keepers which remaine in your Custodie that soe it may appeare what the present number is and whether the Rocognizances taken by the Justics of Peace be trulie Certifyed by them accordinge to the lawe Herein you may not fayle as you answere the neglect and Contempte at yo<sup>r</sup> uttermost perill. And soe we bid you farewell from the Court at Whitehall the last Day of December, 1635.

"Yo<sup>r</sup> lovinge ffreinds,

Tho. Coventrye.  
J. Manchester.  
Theo. Suffolke.  
J. Harvy.  
E. Newburgh.

Tho. Jermyn.  
J. Coke.  
ffra. Windebanke.  
Edw. Nicholas."

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON, the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th days of July 12 Charles (1636), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir Robert Phelipps, Sir John Gill, Edward Kellett, D.D., John Symes, Arthur Pyne, John Farewell, Robert Cuffe, James Farewell, William Every, John Harbyn, Thomas Light, and William Bull, Esquires.

1. Att this Sessions uppon consideration taken of the scarcity of Lent Corne which is lyke to be this yere and the grete number of Maulsters that arr in all places, yt is desired by the Courte and soe ordered that the grete number of Maulsters bee suppressed. And that they may in every division of this County be brought to a lesse number. And whereas yt is alleged that one Nicholas Baunton of Montague who hath byn suppressed and often warned by the Justices of peace of that Division or one of them to forbare the makeinge of Mault to putt to sale who notwithstandinge doe still continue the makeinge of Mault and sell the same to a grete quantetye yt is therefor ordered by the Courte that the said Nicholas Baunton shalbe from henceforth suppressed from makeinge any more mault to sell the same againe.

2. Roger Meare of Wellington, yeoman, who had been Constable of the four wester tythings of the hundred of Kingsbury for the space of three yeares now last past, who petitioned the Court to be freed from the said office, to be discharged from the said office, and that Henry White of Aishpriors, yeoman, shall bee and stand Constable in his place.

3. Uppon Complaint of the inhabitants of the parishe of Child Compton that one William Biggs of Child Compton aforesaid deceased havinge two Children at the tyme of his Decease, the one beinge then settled [*sic*] Staunton Prior and the other at Stratton, and that Joseph Biggs one of the said Children was Lately taken begginge at Chew Stoake, and there taken as a Roague and sent to Child Compton beinge the place of his birth, etc., Sir John Horner, Knight, and Robte Hopton, Esqr, to inquire into the matter. Joseph Biggs being under the age of

years and is not by Lawe a Rogue to be returned to Staunton prior there to remain until the Wells Sessions.

4. William Meadway who did bind himself apprentice unto John Sellier of Combe St. Nicholas, Clothier, for the space of seven years to be discharged of his apprenticeship, the said John Sellier having goon forth of the County for Debt, etc.

5. Petition of Ambrose Lucas, of Abbas Combe, weaver, concerning the relief and maintenance of his wife's child referred to Sr Henry Berkley, knight, and James ffarewell, Esqrs.

6. An indifferent rate for Badialton in order to repay one Thomas Churley, who had been levied upon for not repairing a highway there.

7. Report of the examination of Ambrose Lucas, of Abbas Combe. [See No. 5.]

8. An order made for the maintenance of a child born in thed parish of St. John in Glaston, Guil. Bath and Wells, Pa. Godwyn.

9. An order made the 11th day of July, 1636, by Will. Bull and Abraham Burrell, Esqrs, for the relief of a child born in the parish of Marke.

10. An Order made by Sir Robte Phelipps, Knight, and Tho. Lyte, Esqrs, concerning Charity, a child born in the parish of Martocke. Given under our hands and seales the xv<sup>o</sup> Daie of June, 1636.

11. An order made the 22nd day of June, 1636, by Sr John Horner, Knight, and Anthony Stocker, Esqr, concerning a child born in the parish of Mells.

12. An order made the 13th day of May, 1636, concerning a child born at Camell Regine. Hen. Berkley, Tho. Lyte.



13. An order made by Sr Robte Phelipps, Knight, and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>r</sup>, concerning a child born in the parish of Hasselbere Plucknett. Given 9th day of July, 1636.

14. An order made concerning a child born at Long Sutton, Given, etc., 6th day of July, 1636. Jo. Stawell, Tho. Lyte.

15. An order made the 8th of July, 1636, by Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for the maintenance of a child born in Glaston, the parishioners of Wayford to be indemnified.

16. An order made the 6th of June, 1636, by Sr John Horner, Knight, and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>r</sup>, concerning a child born in the parish of Aishweeke.

17. Sr Robte Gorges, Knight, Richard Cole and Rice Davies, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, requested to make an order respecting a child, borne longe since and noe order yet made, the reputed father havinge been bound to this Sessions.

18. Upon the petition of the inhabitants of Middlezoy showing that a certain way called Gray Lakes Frost lying between the three parishes of Weston, Middlezoy and Othery, had fallen very much in Decay and foundorous, the said pariconers Cannott agree by whome yt ought to be repaired. Referred to Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to settle who ought to repaire the same way, and cause the same speedily to bee Donn.

#### LYCENCES GRANTED.

19. Roberts Chaplyn, Streete Carrier, is licensed to bee a Common badger and transporter of Butter and Cheese.

Christofer Rogers, of Wellington, is licensed to bee a badger for butler and Cheese; vizt., three hundred waight of butter weekly and one hundred of Cheese, the same in faire and markt in this Countie.

John Reeves, of Staple ffitzpaine, is licensed to buy butter and Cheese in Dorset and Somerset, etc,

Tho. Hyte, of Staplegrove, is licensed to bee a badger of Corne and graine in Somerset.

Henry Pole, of Haydon, husband., is licensed to buy butter in Somerset, and sell againe in the same Countie.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER the 4th, 6th, and 7th days of October, 12 Charles (1636), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir Ferdinand George, Sir Thomas Wrothe, Thomas Mallett, Serjeant at law, Thomas Smith, George Pawlett, John Farewell, Abraham Burrell, William Bull, and Robert Phillippes, Esquires.

To our verre lovinge ffreinds the Justices of the peace for the Countye of Somerset or to anye two or more of them there.

After our very hartie Comendacons whereas we are given to understand that there are manie Popishe Recusants residinge in the Countie of Somerset who by the wilfull neglect and connivence of ministers, Churchwardens and Constables in diverse parishes are not duly presented to the Assizes and Sessions where they ought to be Indicted and Convicted accordinge to the Lawes and Statutes in that Case provided; And forasmuch as wee are Credible informed that the Ministers and Churchwardens in Diverse parishes have refused to make knowne the names of such Recusants unto Agents heretofore employed upon enquiries concerninge that service Soe that execucon of the said Lawes hath bin Retarded, and the benefitt which might have accrued vnto his Mat<sup>ie</sup> hath thereby bin much lessened; Theis are therefore to will and require you forthwith vpon the receipt hereof to Direct your warrants unto the high Constables of everie hundred and division within the said Countie, And that they forthwith send their warrants vnto the pettie Constables and Churchwardens of every parishe requiringe them to certifie vnto you the names of all Recusants there residinge at such times and places as shalbe by you prefixed which Certificate you are to

retorne vnto vs by the bearer hereof at or before the first Retorne of Michas Terme next, And soe bid you hartilie farewell. Dated the 23rd of June, 1636.

Yor verie lovinge ffreinds,

Guil. London.

Ffra. Cottington.

Tho. Trevor.

Rich. Weston.

Jo. Bankes.

Edw. Littleton.

1. Whereas there is a Difference betweene the parishio<sup>rs</sup> of Whatley, and the parishio<sup>rs</sup> of West Penyard Concerning the Settinge of one Morgan Hales, who is now remayninge in the parish of Whatley and for that this Co<sup>rt</sup> is informed that the said Hales at the tyme of his abode at West Penyard by meanes of a sicknes received Lamenesse in the Limbes there, beinge a Covenant servant vnto Mr. Hasewell of West Peniard for the space of Two yeares. Ordered "that the said Hales shall be settled and remaine in the sayed pish of West Penyard where he received his sicknesse and infirmitie."

2. An order made respecting the reputed father of a child born at Huish Champflower "bound at this Sess<sup>s</sup>" but who is "now sicke and cannot appear."

3. Whereas at Taunton Sessions last there was a presentm<sup>t</sup> made against Andrew Pyne, gent., for not repayringe of a Certeine Timber-bridge within the parish of Hilbyshopps, which said Bridge cannot be repayed without Carriadges and landing of the materialls over a Certaine Ground of Roger Bransneard, called by the name of ffive Acres, or other grounds adioninge to the said Bridge as it is alledged, which said bridge the said Andrew Pyne is and wilbe ready to repaire soe that he may be suffered to Carry and land the said Materialls and other such necessaryes fitt for the same over the said grounds of the said Bransneard. Ordered that he might carry the materials over Bransneard's grounds and other grounds adjoining for repairing the bridge.

4. Uppon full hearinge and debate of the difference between the parish of Evercreech and the parish of Aust in the County

of Gloucester in the presence of the parties and Councill on both sides touching the settling of John Burton accordinge to a refference made by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sr John ffinch, Knight, Lord Cheef Justice of the Common Pleas and Justice of Assize for this Circuit. Ordered that he should be settled in the parish of Evercreech where he was born, and not at Aust where he had served two years as a covenant servant.

5. It was confirmed and agreed upon by the Court upon reference to Sr John Stowell, Kt., Arthur Pyne and William Walrond, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, that the rates and taxes of the hundred of Pitney should be divided into three equal parts, the Tythings of Pitney and Knoll should pay one part and the Tythings of Mutchelney, Middleney and Burrow of Langport should bear and pay the other two parts. [Pitney and Knoll worth near £1,100 per ann. Mutchelney and Middleney and the borough of Langport £2,000 per ann.]

6. Whereas it appeareth unto the Court that Edmund Sprud, late of Congersbury in this County, did about half a yeare sithence put forth to sojurninge and keeping three of his children unto Richard Ham and Charles Moore, both of Banwell in this County, and that the said Sprud is now gone forth of the Countrey and hath left noe meanes behinde for their releefe, wherby the said Children are like to become Chargeable to the said pish of Banwell, who hath desired this Court to be freed of them, alleadginge that the grandfathers and grandmothers of the said children are of abilitie sufficient and able to relevee them ; It is therefore ordered by the Court that the grandfather in law and grandmother of the said Children by the ffather's side shall from henceforth keepe or be at the Chardge of keepinge the said children, or if they shall be dead that then the grandfather of the said Children on the mother's side shall from henceforth keepe or be at the charge of keepinge the said children. And that the said pish of Banwell shall from henceforth be freed and discharged of the said children ; which, if they shall refuse to doe then yt is Desired by the Court that the next Justice of peace unto them wilbe pleased to binde them soe refusinge to the next Sessions of the peace if he soe thinke fitt.

7. Whereas one Nicholas Bremell about Two yeares past did bynde himself apprentice with John Seller of Comb St. Nicholas in the County aforesaid, Clotthyer, for the terme of seaven yeares then ensueinge. In soe much as it now appeareth unto this Court that the said John Seller hath left his said apprentice destitute of releefe and imployment and is gone out of the Countrie for debt. This Court Doth thefore order that the said Bremell should be freed and discharged from his apprenticeship.

8. Thomas Hill of Brumpton Raphe in this Countie to receive forty shillings yearly, to be paid him by the Treasurer of the maymed soldiers quarterly.

9. At this Sessions it is ordered that Sir Robert Phelipps K<sup>t</sup>, and Thomas Lyte, Esq<sup>rs</sup> shall take view and oversight of the Sherriffs and Shire Clarkes bookes for the last yeare, in the tyme of the Shreivewicke of Henry Hodges, Esquire, late Sherriffe of the said County. And shall have the oversight and controlment of the said Sherriffs, Shire Clarkes and other his officers and of the said Sheriffs, amerciaments of his Shire Court, accordinge to the statute in that Case made and provided.

10. William Bisse of Henstridge having the consent of the Lord of the Manor, S<sup>r</sup> John Jacob, Knight, and the maior pte of the Inhabitants, etc., to erect and buyld him a Cottage there.

11. An order made the 15th day of Sept., 1636, by Geo. Poulett and Robert Cuffe, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, for the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Cannington.

12. An order made at Minehead the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, xii<sup>th</sup> Charles, for the relief and maintenance of child born in the parish of Huish Champflower. John Gylle, Tho. Luttrell.

13. An order made by Sir Robte Phelipps, K<sup>t</sup>, and Thomas Lyte, Esquire, concerning one Elinor, borne on the bodye of Margerye Dawe of Ivelchester. 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1636.

14. An order made by Gawen Mallett and William Everye, Esqrs, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1636, concerning the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Lawrance Lydeard.

15 and 16. Informations.

17. That Rynnold Meeres should have of the Treasurer of maimed souldyers of the Countye the some of xxvs<sup>h</sup>.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS, the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th days of January, 12 Charles (1636-7). before William (Piers) Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir Edward Rodney, Sir Thomas Wrothe, Gerard Wood, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., Thomas Mallett, Serjeant at Law, John Harrington, Anthony Stocker, William Walrond, and Thomas Light, Esquires.

#### LICENCES GRANTED.

John Evans of Froomezellwood to buy weekeley in any open ffayre or market in this County fower quarters of wheat and beanes, and to sell againe.

John Ossett of Froomezellwood to buy three quarters of whete weekely and a quarter of beanes within the Countie of Wiltes.

Leonard Lane of Chedder, to be a badger of all manner of graine.

Robtus Carpenter of Raddon, to buy wheate, beanes, and other graine in Somerset and Wiltes.

John Harris of Chelworth, to buy wheate, Rye, and barley, and other graine, etc.

Richard Barnes, of Publowe, to buy all graine in any markt in this County.

Cornelius Heale of Chewstoke, to buy wheate and other graine.

Thomas Locke of Pill to be a common badger of Corne.

1. An order made varying the terms of an order made at the last Bridgwater Sessions, uppon appeal at the present Sessions, concerning a child born in the parish of Huish Champflower. [See No. 12, Bridgwater Sessions, 1636.]

2. The difference between the parishioners of Marke and Compton Episcopi concerning the settling of one John Burrough, settled by an order settling him in Compton.

3. Johan Hodges to return from Goathurst, the place of her birth, to Chedzoy, where "her Last abidinge was in service," and to be there settled unless good cause should be shown to the contrary by the parishioners of Chedzoy.

4. Order made upon an order on appeal concerning a child born in the parish of Clevedon.

5. John Frye of the parish of St. John in Glaston, upon whose goods "fifty five shillings and fower pence" had been levied for not repairing "a Bridge called Tinnars weare in the parish aforesaid," to be repaid by an equal and general rate on the parishioners.

6. Whereas William Thatcher of Buttcombe is now questioned and presented to be Tythingman of the Tythinge Buttcombe aforesaid, in regard of the customary tenement he holdeth within the parish of Butcombe aforesaid. And whereas it appeareth unto this Court that there are five tenements in Butcombe (of which the said Will. Thatcher his tenement is one) that have ever bin freed and exempted from the office of Tythingman in regard of other payments and services they performe; It is therefore ordered by this Court that the said Will. Thatcher and his tenement shalbe freed from that office and service of Tythingmanshipp.

7. Whereas there is a certeine difference betweene the parishioners of Wraxall and Worle in this County concerninge

the setlinge of one Johan Haleston and her childe, whoe was, as is alledged, taken as a vagrant at Tickenham and there punished accordinge to Lawe, and from thence sent to Worle by passe, being the place of her birth, who sent her backe to Wraxall. The parishioners of Wraxall nowe movinge the Court to be freed of her, the said Johan Halestone and her childe; It is therefore ordered by this Court that the said Johan Haleston and her childe shall continue at Wraxall unles it be made to appeare at the next Sessions that she was taken as a vagrant att Tickenham and there whipt, and sent to Worle where she was borne.

8. Whereas there is a difference between the parishioners of Stogursey and Kilve concerninge the setlinge of one Thomas Burdge *als.* Blewe, who heretofore lived in Kilve by the space of ten or twelve yeares, and from thence came to Stogursey and lived there as a Covenant servant with one Mr. Edward Hobbs, and since returned againe into the parish of Kilve, where he continued by the space of six weekes or thereabouts without any interupcon and is now againe returned to Stogursey. Referred to Sir ffardinando Gorges, Kt., Tho. Luttrell, Esqr., and Edward Kellett, Doctor of Divinity, to make some direct order. [S.R., lxxv, 80.]

9. Uppon the humble petition of Tristram Morse, Master of the House of Correccon of Taunton, unto this Court preferred therein, showinge that the said house of Correcccon is veyre much decayed and ruinated for want of repacons, and that unles some speedie course be taken for the repacon thereof it wilbe very dangerous for the said Tristram Morse, his familie and such people as shalbe comitted to his custodie in the said house to inhabite in. Referred to John Coventry, Esqr, Sr William Portman, Baronet, and John Symes, Esqr. [S.R., lxxv, 79, 84.]

10. Whereas Robert Edwards of Ileabotts in this County was heretofore bound an Apprentice unto W<sup>m</sup> Elliott of the same place, yeoman, for the space of seaven yeares to serve him in husbandry, and forasmuch as it appeareth unto this Courte that the said Apprentice Edwardes is a very leud fellowe and



hath bin burned in the hand for felony and Burglarie. It is therefore thought fit and ordered by this Court that Will. Elliott shall from henceforth be freed and discharged of his said apprentice, Robt. Edwards.

11. Agnes Atkins and her child to be sent back from Kainsham to Cameley, where she had served one Elford for two years last past and where her child was born. [S.R., lxxv, 87, 88.]

12. Brislington to be relieved and discharged from the payment of fflower shillings yearly towards the releefe of the poore of Pensford, which was heretofore imposed uppon them when Pensford was visited with sicknes.

13. The pension of *5*li.* per ann.* to continue to be paid to Randall Meres, an old maymed souldyer, he having brought "to the right Wor<sup>ll</sup> Sr Ralph Hopton or Sr John Stowell, Kts., a token or further testimony from Thomas Meutys, Esqr, Muster maister general of England and Clarke of the Councell. [S.R., lxxv, 82.]

14. Uppon the humble peticon of the parishconers of Paulton unto this Court referred therein shewing that Richard Bourne of Paulton beinge lycensed to sell ale doth keepe such disorder in his house by enterteyninge and sufferinge in his howse his neighbours servants and children to continue tiplinge in his howse all night, they neglect their parents and master's service; It is therefore desired by this Court that the Justics of the peace of that Division or any two of them will be pleased to convent the said Richard Bourne and some of the pishioners of Paulton before them and examine the truth herein, and if they see cause to suppress the said Bourne from tipling any longer. [S.R., lxxv, 69.]

15. Petition of John Bragg on the behaulf of the parishoners of Weston in Zoyland shewing that there are many Klizes and bridges within the said parishe which are usually repayred and kept by a Rate yearly to be made by fower men appointed for

that purpose, and that of late many doe refuse to pay their rates whereby the said Klizes and bridges are unrepayred and a great chardge like to fall upon the parishe ; Referred to Sir Thomas Wroth, Kt., George Paulet, Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to examine the same and settle same course therein as well for the doing the work as also for the payment of the rates. [S.R., lxxv, i.]

16. Thomas Stronge now maketh oath, etc., that he had served Stephen Paull with a subpena. [S.R., lxxv, 86.]

17. An order made concerning a child borne at Abbas Coombe, 26 day of September, 1636. He: Berkeley, James ffarewell. [See preceding Taunton Sessions No. 5.]

18. An order made touching the relief of a child born in the parish of Kingston. [S.R., lxxv, 78.] Ro: Henley, Ja. Rosse.

19. An order made concerning a child born in the parish of Clevedon by Sr Robert Gorge, K<sup>t</sup>, and Rice Davyes, Esqr., 12th day of October, 1636. [S.R., lxxv, 102.]

20. An order made by Sr Edward Rodney, K<sup>t</sup>, and Wittm Bull, Esq., the 12th day of January, 1636, towards the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Burneham. [S.R., lxxv, 85.]

21. In the matter of the difference between the parishioners of Stratton superffosse and Chilcompton concerning the settling of Agnes the daughter of William Biggs late of Chilcompton aforesaid deceased ; Agnes Biggs to remain at Chilcompton and there be settled and provided for according to the Law if the grandfather be not able to keepe her.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER, the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st days of April, 13 Charles (1637), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir John Stawell, K.B., Sir Ralph Hopton, K.B., Sir Ferdinand Gorgs, Sir Robert Phelipps, Sir Henry Berkeley, Sir Thomas Wroth, Thomas Mallett, Serjeant at Law, William Walrond, Richard Cole, Thomas Lyte, Abraham Burrell, William Bull, and John Harbyn, Esquires.

**LICENCES GRANTED.**

Stephen Thurman of Chelworth to be a Common Badger to buy wheate, Rye, Barley, and convert the same into meale and sell againe in the City of Bristoll or elsewhere provided that he buy but three quarters weekly in one market day.

Edward Coward of Merston biggot to be a badger of Corne.

Richard Parffett of West Lidford to be a Common Badger, loader, kidder, and Carryer of Corne.

William Younge of West Lidford to be a Common badger, loader and kidder of corne.

Edward Leate of Horsington to be a Common badger of Butter and Cheese.

Will. Hitchwick of Horsington to be a Common badger of Butter and Cheese.

1. Sir Raphe Hopton, Kt., of the Bath, chosen Treasurer of the maymed souldyers. Mr. Bull and Mr. Cole to take the Accompte of the last Treasurer.

2. Mr. Anthony Stocker to be Treasurer of the Hospitals for the Eastern Division and Mr. William Strowd for the Western Division ; and Mr. Walrond and Mr. Lyte to take Accompt of the last Treasurers.

3. William Gallope of Kilmington, with the consent of John Hartywell, Esqr, Lord of the manor of Kilmington and the major parte of the pishion<sup>rs</sup> to build himself a cottage there.

4. After a trial at these Sessions it was ordered that the landholders and inhabitants of the Tythinge of Steiveleigh within the parish of Ileabots should well and sufficiently repair a certain highway called Steiveleigh lane lying within the parish of Ileabots by the feast of St John Baptist next uppon payne of Tenn pounds.

5. Arthur Plenty of Northwotton, who had been levied upon for not repairing a certain footway within the said parish to be repaid by an indifferent Rate to be forthwith made by the Inhabitants of the said parishe of Northwotton.

6. A certaine difference betweene the parishioners of West Crenmore and one Richard Yerbury and Owen Parfitt concerninge the setling and providinge for of fower children of Robert Parfitts late of West Crenmore aforesaid deceased; the said Yerbury and Parfitt beinge grandfathers to the said Children, and who having some certeine goods of the said Robte Parfitt in their hands, to be examined and settled by Sir Ralph Hopton and Robte Hopton, Esqr.

7. Sir Francis Popham, Kt., Lord of the Manor of Publoe and the major pte of the Inhabitants these being willing and contented it was ordered that Wifftm Price of Publoe aforesaid, Mason, may erect and build him a Cottage uppon some parte of the wast grownd of the said Mannor of Publoe.

8. Johan Helder to be settled at Wraxall. [See Last Sessions, No. 7.]

9. Roger Merryweather, who had been bound a parish apprentice unto Thomas Daniell of Brislington to be freed and discharged from his apprenticeship.

10. Joane Catcott now destitute of service and hath no place of abode whereby she may become a vagrant person to be settled at Barton, where she made her last abode in service, where she continued by the space of half a yeare or thereabouts.

11. The petition of John Burge relating to the repairing of the bridges and Clizes in the parish of Weston. [See Wells Sessions xij<sup>o</sup>, No. 15.]

12. James Guyer of Cameley with the consent of John Hippisley Esquior Lord of the Mannor of Cameley and the inhabitants, to build a cottage there on the wast grounde.

13. William Woodland the elder of Thurloxtton to be freed and discharged from his apprentice Humfry Moore, a very lewd and dangerous person And hath diverse times threatened to kill his said Masters sonnes.

14. Whereas at this Sessions one Henry Speringe was bound to his good behaiour for arrestinge Mr. Humfry Jenkins Clerk uppon a Sondag as he was passinge from his parish Church immediatly after divine service, and for that it was alledged that Francis Payton master of the said Spering who ymployed the <sup>s</sup>d Speringe in the said arrest did direct and animate the said Speringe his servant to arrest the said Mr. Jenkins as he was in Celebratinge diuine seruice or in his passage to or from his Church. <sup>S</sup>r fffardinando Gorge, <sup>S</sup>r ffrancis Doddington, K<sup>ts</sup>, and Thomas Smith, esquior, to examine the said business and if they find cause to bind the said Francis Payton to the next Sessions of the peace there to answer his Contempt.

15. 13*li*. 6*sh*. 8*d*. to be paid by the Treasurer of the hospitals of the western division for and towards the repacon of the howse of Correoñ at Taunton; 6*li*. 13*sh*. 4*d*. to be paid at the present Sessions and 6*li*. 13*sh*. 4*d*. to be paid at the next Sessions, the same to be paid and delivered unto Mr. Coventryes Clarke to be disposed of as the said Mr. Coventry shall advise.

16. Hugh Hooper of Broomefeild, husbandman, to have 6*li*. 13*sh*. 4*d*. forthwith paid him by the Tresurer of the hospitals of the western division in regard of his greate losse which he hath susteined by fire.

17. Forasmuch as this Court is Informed that one Nicholas Saunders *als*. Hooper is lately departed out of the parishe of North Perrett, and hath left behinde him three yonge Children noe wayes able to get their livinge, and that one John Zealey an Inhabitant of the said parishe and grandfather unto the said

Children is known a man able and of sufficient estate, and noe Children chargeable unto him ; the said Zealey to take upon him and continue the charge for the maintenance of the said children unless he should show cause at the next Sessions.

18. Uppon petition on behalf of the inhabitants of Stowell whereby it appeared that one Anstice Pitt liveinge in a Cottage erected against the Lawe in Stowell aforesaid, she havinge a weeklie releife of the said parish, hath within these 3 or 4 dayes last, entertained one John Robbins, a poore man with his wife and 3 yonge Children, who were formerly settled at Allerton for many yeares and are now very likely to charge the s<sup>d</sup> petitioners ; the said Robbins with his said wife and children to be forthwith sent to Allerton and settled there, unless good cause should show to the contrary.

19. Thomas Britten to erect a cottage upon some part of the wast ground and Inheritance of Richard Lansdon, gent., at Camerton aforesaid, called Radford.

20. Whereas it is manifested unto this Courte that John Were beinge a Tythingman of Brockley in this County hath bin very remisse and negligent in executinge his office of a Tythingman, by sufferinge diverse vagrant persons beinge brought unto him to passe away unpunished, and in not executinge "hue and Cryes" which are brought unto him, and for many other offencs (charged) against him. The next Justice to bind him over with good sureties to the next general Sessions if he find the allegations to be true.

21. Whereas Will. Goddard, the Apprentice of John Rodford, of Taunton, Tayler, was indicted at this Sessions for felony, and for that the bill was not founde by the graund Jury there, It is desired by the Court that the next Justice of peace neare Taunton wilbe pleased to consider whether the said apprentice shall retorne to his Master againe or be released of his apprenticeship, and to settle him accordingly.

22. Whereas Edith Rogers *als.* Forward of the parish of St. Clement Danes without Temple Bar in London, was sent by the

Constables, Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of Meere in the County of Wilts unto Evell in the County of Somerset as to the place of her birth. And for that it doth appeare unto this Courte that the Justices of peace about Evell having formerly examined the said Edith Rogers *als.* Forward did order her to be sent unto the said parish of St. Clement Danes where it did appeare as well by her owne Confession as by other circumstances, she was last dwellinge, and had lived there with a husband, and since his death the space of seven yeares last past at the least and that she was noe wayes to be at Yevell by the lawe as the place of her birth. And that she confeseth that it was her owne desire to Come from London to Meere, where she was in hope to have found some friends to have releevd her for that she had lived there a marryed woman and widdow for a longe time, before she came to London, and thereupon she was furnished with money and sent to Meere which Circumstancs also appearinge to the Courte to be true, and that in all this time she was never in Evell until she was sent from Meere. It is, therefore, ordered by the Courte that the said Edith Rogers *als.* Forward shalbe forthwith sent unto the said parish of St. Clement Danes as being the place of her last abode and dwellinge, and there provided for as the law requireth.

23. Whereas there was an Indictment preferred at this Sessions against Samuell Mogge, William Daniell, Lawrence Keynes, Will. Sellwood, Raynold Matthews and John Archer, all of the parish of Brislington in this County for an unlawful assembly at Brislington aforesaid, which Indictment was not founde, And for that this Court was informed that there was a boy then killed in the said assembly whereupon the partyes afors<sup>d</sup> were continued to the next Sessions; And for that it was alledged that the boy was not killed by any of their Company or by meanes of that assembly. John Harrington, Esquire, to examine the truth of the business, and to certify the same at the next Sessions.

24. Arthur Pyne and Thomas Lite, Esquires, to make an order for the respective subdividing and equal proportioning the rates of Lamport, Middeney, and Mochelney.

25. Middlezoy, Othery, and Weston to equally repair the East end of the Cawseway called Graylakes frost, etc. And the<sup>s</sup><sup>d</sup> Inhabitants of the said parishes shall equally bring their loading of stones to the said place for the repaying and amending thereof at or before the next Sessions of the peace to be held for this County ; And in the meane time this our order not to redound to the prejudice of eyther of the titles of any one of the said parishes if hereafter it shall better appeare who ought to repayre that parte of the said Cawseway soe now in decay.

26. An order made the 10th day of April, 1637, for the relief and maintenance of a base man child, born in the parish of Eddington. Wm. Bull, Abraham Burrell.

27. An order made by Rice Davyes and Richard Cole, Esqrs, the 17th day of April, 1637, for and concerning a child born at Cleevedon.

28. An order made by Sir John Stowell, Kt. of the Noble order of the Bath, and Thomas Lyte, Esqr, touching a child born in the parish of Compton Dundon, 15th February, 1636.

29. An order made by S<sup>r</sup> Francis Popham, Knight, and Francis Baber, Esqr, touching a child born in the parish of Stanton Drew.

30. An order made by Sir Edward Rodney, Kt., and Paull Godwine, Doctor in Divinitie, concerning the relief of the parishe of West Peniarde against the charge of a child, 28th day of March, 1637.

31. Whereas this Court hath received a reference from his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Offic<sup>rs</sup> of the Greene cloth concerninge the rates of the Composition for the prevision of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> howsehold within the three hundreds of Chewton Chew and Kainsham in this County; It is now desyred and ordered that S<sup>r</sup> Raphe Hopton and S<sup>r</sup> ffancis Doddington, Kts., Thomas Smyth and Richard Cole, Esqrs., or any three of them wilbe pleased to call such of the said hundreds before them as they shall thinke fitt and reconcile and compose



all the Differences betweene the said three hundreds for all paym<sup>ts</sup> and arrerages for his Ma<sup>ty</sup> prevision there for the yere past in which the Inhabitants of Chew and Kainsham hundreds now complaine for that they have payde and served in the same for Chewton hundred. [Signed by John Coventrye and eight other Justices.]

Letter bound in the book.

Glaston yt 16th of Oct. 88.

Mr. Benett,

I have sent this messenger on Purpose to desier you to searche yo<sup>r</sup> booke for 3 orders of sesions w<sup>ch</sup> I suppose you will finde in yo<sup>r</sup> booke; one is Concerning the building of Thomas ware bridg 6 or 7 and thirty years ago, and one for ye building of benings bridge some time before or after thomas ware, ye other for ye staining att Northload bridg about 16 years since between Thomas Ware and glaston, pray take Copies of such of them as you shall finde, and the bearer shall pay you, or if there be any more Comeing then his pockett will Reach, to send yo<sup>r</sup> bill and itt shall be p<sup>d</sup> whare and when you will order by him that is yo<sup>r</sup> sernt to Comand.

Jos. Roode.

Pray faile not to send a Copie of ye order for the building of benings bridg in particular.

[Addressid] ffor Mr. Phillip Benett in Wincanton.

32. S<sup>r</sup> fferdinando Gorge, Kt., to send forth his warrants for calling before him Richard Graves, *als.* Hooke, and William Dunscombe, a Bailiffe to the Sheriffe of this Countie, and them to bind with sufficient sureties for their and eyther of their personall appearancs at the next generall quarter Sessions to be holden at Taunton or elsewheres for this County. And in the meane time to be of good behavior for that the said Dunscombe by the procurement of the said Graves *als.* Hooke did most contemptuously arrest and attach the body of one David Beeffin in open Courte att this present generall Sessions holden for the said County.

SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th days of July, 13 Charles (1637), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir William Portman, Baronet, Sir John Stowell, K.B., Sir John Horner, Sir Francis Doddington, Edward Kellet, D.D., Thomas Luttrell, John Symes, John Harrington, Arthur Pyne, William Walrond, William Capell, William Every, and William Bull, Esquires.

LICENCES GRANTED.

John Reeve, of Staple fitzpain, to buy butter and Cheese within the Countyes of Dors<sup>t</sup> and Somerset.

Henry Poole, of Taunton Magdalen, to buy butter within the Counties of Dorset and Somerset.

1. John Ceely, of Northperrott, alleging that he was unable to bear the whole charge and maintenance of the three children of one Nicholas Saunders *azs.* Hooper, their grandfather, in regard of his small estate it was referred to S<sup>r</sup> Robte Phelipps, Kt., Thomas Lyte and John Harbyn, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to order what proporcon the said Ceely shall pay. [See Ivelchester preceding Sessions, No. 17.]

2. Many of the inhabitants of the parish of Banwell having refused to pay their rates towards the reparation of Ophire bridge in that parish, which had been done as ordered by the last Sessions, it was ordered that it should be inquired into by the two justices next adjoining; power being given them, if necessary, to bind those refusing to the next Sessions.

3. Uppon the petition of divers of the poor inhabitants of the parish of St. Johns Glaston showing that they are rated to the poor by an acre rate, and not according to the value of each man's holding, for that they which have the deepe and best meadowe and pasture grounds worth thirty shillings and fortie shillings an acre per annum or neere thereab<sup>ts</sup> pay noe more to the poore than they which have arrable and pasture grounds not

worth above xs. an acre or thereab<sup>ts</sup> per Ann &c.; it was ordered that a rate should be forthwith made according to the true value of every man's ground be it arrable, meadow, or pasture within the said parish proporconably, And that for either payments and taxes that shall be hereafter made within the said parishe uppon any occasion eyther for the Kings Ma<sup>tie</sup> or for the Church or otherwise.

4. An indifferent rate to be made by the inhabitants of Badialton in order to repay Alexander Webber and Thomas Churly for repairinge a certaine highway within the said parishe.

5. Upon the examination taken by the Maior and Aldermen of Taunton, William Goddard, sonne of William Goddard, of Staple fitzpaine, yeoman, to be freed and discharged of his apprenticeship with John Radford, of Taunton aforesaid, Tayler, etc., he havinge not afforded him such Dyett, lodginge and apparrell as was fitt for an apprentice.

6. The matter of the difference between the parishioners of Durlleigh and Liddeard Episcopi as to the settling of Thomasine Trobridge to be decided at the next Sessions, she to remain and continue at Bishops Lydeard until that time.

7. S<sup>r</sup> Henry Berkely, Knight, to examine Richard Robins *als.* Symes of South Cadbury and John Hutchins of the same place, the said Richard Robins *als.* Symes, having been bound over to prosecute Hutchins to several Sessions, but had not appeared. And if he shall see cause to binde the said Robins to the next Sessions, and in the meane tyme to be of good behavior.

8. Richard Cole, of Kingston, in this County, weaver, to be paid 5*l.* in regard of the losse he hath greatly susteined by fire.

9. Uppon the humble peticon of Prudence Raynolds, of Wilton, shewing that one Robte Raynolds, the late husband of the said Prudence about thirteene yeers since dyed leavinge behinde him an estate in lands worth three score pounds per Ann. or thereabouts, likewise a greate personall estate vnto Robte Raynolds

his sonne but made noe other prevision for her future liveinge and maintenance of the said Prudence his wife then only of five pounds which he gave unto her by his last will and testament, whoe is now come into greate miserie for want of present releiffe. It is ordered by this Court that the Executors in trust of the said Robte Raynolds, the father, being alsoe Tutors and gardians of the s<sup>d</sup> Robt. Raynolds, the sonne, shall pay unto the said Prudence out of her said sonne's estate the sume of sixe pounds thirteene shillings and fflower pence at the ffeasts of St. Michael tharchangell, the birth of our Saviour, Thannunciacon of o<sup>r</sup> blessed Lady, the virgin St. Mary, and the ffeast of St. John Baptist by equall porcons yearely, and every yeare vntill the said Robte Raynolds her sonne shall attaine to the age of one and twenty yeares the first quarterly paym<sup>t</sup> to begin at the said feast of St. Michael tharchangell ensueinge the date hereof.

10. Mr. Pyne and Mr. Lyte having made an order on the vijth day of July last that 300*l.* was a sufficient yearely value to be taxed uppon the said Towne of Langport for any rates hereafter sett with Muchleney and Middleney ; But referred Muchleney and Middleney to a further survey to be made of the values of the said lands of eyther of those placs respectively. It is now ordered that the said Rate of 300*l.* as for Langport shall for all future rates be observed and kept. Mr. Pyne and Mr. Lyte again desired to inform themselves of their different yearly values of Muchleney and Middleney.

11. An order made at Stogumber for the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish Old Cleeve, 17th day of June, 1637. Tho. Luttrell, Edward Kellit.

13.<sup>1</sup> An order made by Gawen Malett and William Every, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, the 7th day of July, 13th Charles, touching a child born within the parish of Milverton (named Nicholas).

14. An order made the 6th day of July, 1637, towards the relief of a child born in the parish of Muchleney. John Stawell, Tho. Lyte.

<sup>1</sup> An error for 12.

15. An order made concerning the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Milverton 28th day of June, 1637. Gawen Malett, Wm. Every.

16. An order made the 16th day of June, 1637, by Sr John Horner, Kt, and Anthony Stocker, Esqr, for the discharge of the parish of Elme of a child.

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GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th days of October, 13 Charles (1637), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir Robert Phelippes, Sir Edward Rodney, Sir Thomas Wroth, Robert Hopton, Robert Hendley, John Symes, John Harrington, Richard Cole, George Pawlett, Robert Cuffe, Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esquires.

LICENCES GRANTED.

Nicholas Fuller of Mells to bye five quarters of whete, Rye and barley weekly, and to convert into Meale, and sell the same againe within the parishe of Mells aforesaid.

Richard Kempland of Aisholt as a badger for xvj bushells of Corne and grayne weekly, and to travell but with three horses, and to sell the same in open fayres and marketts in Somerset and Devon, and retorne his horses Laden out of Devon with fishe, salt and pilcorne.

1. An order made by William Capell and Richard Cole, Esquiors, concerning a child born in the parish of Congersbury, 19th September, 1637.

2. An order set down by Sr Francis Popham, Knight, Francis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esqrs, concerning a child born at Chewton. [Not dated.]

3. Uppon the peticoñ of Amy Sawcer into this Court preferred therein shewing that Guy Sawcer, her husband, beinge

very aged and impotent, and beinge at his Day labour was assaulted and brused in his body by one Richard Arthur of Southbrent, whereby the said Sawcer hath not bin able to worke for his maintenance since the time of the assault. Referred to Sr Edward Rodney, Knight, to take some course for the releefe of the poore man by the said Arthur if he finde cause for the same, or otherwise to certifie at the next Sess<sup>s</sup> what hath bin Done herein.

4. Whereas John Fisher of Chew Magna in this County, Mason, was bound over to this Sessions for non-performance of his contracts with Aristottle Symes, his apprentice, in Deteininge his money, clothes and tooles of his said Apprentics from him, and hath in Court now paid him such moneyes as was Due unto the said Apprentice. It was desired that Francis Baber, Esqr, would send for Fisher, and cause him to deliver unto the apprentice such tools and clothes as were due to him, etc.

5. A highway in the parish of Badialton, which had become very foundeorous and in decay by meanes of a water course that runneth Downe the said way, which Doth soe undermine the banks thereunto adioininge insomuch that the said banks fall downe into the said way, whereby the said way cannot be kept well repayred without a greate and continuall charge. To be amended by the waywardens under the direction of William Every, Esqr, by turninge the watercourse or otherwise.

6. William Wills of Somerton and John Mills of Canington, who were apprenticed unto one Henry Stanford of Taunton, searge weaver, to be discharged from their apprenticeships, forasmuch as it appeareth unto this Court that the said Stanford hath hardly Dealt with the same apprentics in not mainteininge them in Clothes and other necessaryes as also in wandringe the Country, whereby the said Apprentices haue had noe knowledge in the said trade.

7. The difference between the parishioners of Durleigh and Liddeard Episcopi concerning the settling of Thomasine Trobridge, to be determined at the next Taunton Sessions.

8. The Justices of peace in their several divisions and limits, if the parties to whom pensions had been granted be yet liveinge, and if they were to consider whether they were fit to have their pensions continued to them.

9. Upon complaint made by divers of the inhabitants, a general rate of the whole parish to be made for the repairinge of a Stone bow bridge in the parish of Huntspill of such yssues and chargs as the said pishionrs haue alsoe layed out about the said stone bow.

10. Upon the certificate of Robert Cuffe, Esqr, the lord of the manor, and the maior part of the inhabitants, it was ordered that William Kempland should build himself a cottage upon some part of the waste ground of the manor of Michell Creech.

11. Whereas John Trott of Bishopps Liddeard in this Countie was heretofore bound an apprentice unto Humphry Pole of the same place by the Churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the said parishe untill he should accomplish thage of 24 yeares, accordinge to the forme of the Statute, and for that the said Pole hath for the preferment of his said Apprentice petiõned the Court to be freed of his apprentice, and settle him for the time to Come of his apprenticeshippe with one Henry Nation of Bishopps Liddeard aforesaid, which by the consent of the said Apprentice is likewise desired. Ordered that the said Nation should receive and take the said Trott for the remainder of his apprenticeship.

12. Sr Ralphe Hopton, Sr Henry Berkeley and Sr John Horner, Knights, or any two of them, to examine the differences and to compose and reconcile the difference between the inhabitants of Batcombe, Wescombe and Spartgrove concerninge the inequalitie and disproporcofn of their rates, etc., if they may or otherwise to certifie their proceedings at the next Sessions.

13. Whereas Sir Francis Dodington, Knight, hath moved this Court that he is overrated within the Tythinge of Barrowe towards the provision of his Mat<sup>s</sup> houshold. Sr fferdinando

Gorges, Knight, Thomas Smyth, Rice Davyes and Richard Cole, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them, to examine the premisses, and to compose and sett downe a certeine Rate therein (if they may) or otherwise to certifie their pceedings at the next Sessions.

14. Six pounds to be yearly paid unto Johan Weekes of Northpetherton, widdowe, for and towards the releife and maintenance of a yonge child, whose mother was executed for felonie at the last Assis<sup>s</sup> and generall gaole Delivery held for this Countie, by equal quarterly payments at every Sessions of the peace to be held for this Countie until the said Childe shalbe both able and fitt to be bound forth apprentice.

15. Whereas Jane Bulpan of Northpetherton, widdow, hath desired this Court to be discharged of Lewes Nowell, her apprentice, in regard she is become blinde, and that the said Nowell is growen very impotent, disorderly, and disobedient to her; Sir Thomas Wrothe, K<sup>t</sup>, Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to examine the truth hereof and to certifie their pceedings at the next Sessions.

16. Whereas it appeareth unto this Court, uppon the humble peticon of thinhitants of Oldcleeve exhibited by John Rowswell and confirmed by very Credible Testimonie, that five yeares sithence one Dorothy Codner, single woman, was lafullie settled in Cullumton in the Countie of Devon and there begotten with child and would not reveale the reputed father, and that a little before the time of her Delivery she went into Wales and was there delivered of the said Childe, and that in very short time after she retorned backe againe unto Cullumton and lived there about fower yeres with the said Childe, and that about Easter last she came from thence with her said Childe unto Oldcleeve in this Countie, unto the howse of John Rowswell, who married with her sister, and staid there about fortnight and then went into Ireland, leavinge her said child with her said sister and promised very shortlie to retorne and to carry backe her said Childe unto Cullumton which she hath not done. Ordered that the child shalbe retorned backe unto Cullumton and there remaine; And that if soe be hereafter uppon the farther



prosecucon of thinhitants of Cullumton the said Child shalbe ordered to be sent backe and remaine at the said parishe of Oldcleeve, the Inhabitants of Oldcleeve shall satisfie and paye unto them all such charges as they shalbe att in releeuinge the said childe before then shalbe discharged thereof.

17. John Parsons to be paid fowerteene pounds for repairing the decaies of his Mats. Gaole and howse of Correccion att Ivelchester.

18. The opinion of Sr ffrauncis Dodington, Thomas Smyth and Richard Cole, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, respecting the composition rates of the hundreds of Chew, Chewton, and Kainsham, for his Mats. pvision for his highnesse howsehold. Pensford, this present friday the xxv<sup>th</sup> of August, 1637. Fran. Dodington, Tho. Smyth, Rich. Cole. [See previous Ivelchester Sessions, No. 31.]

19. Whereas it is generally conceived that the rates of this County as now they stand are unequall and fitt to be reviewed. It is therefore at this presente Sessions ordered and agreed that the said rentes shalbe wholie reviewed and as there shalbe cause amended; And for that purpose it is ordered that there be a meetinge of all the Justices at Wells, the wednesday sevensnight after the next Assises to be holden for this Countie; and that in the meane time the Justices of every limitt and Division shall by Callinge together the gentlemen and other the ablest men of the said Limitt to such daies and places as shall seeme good unto them, As alsoe by callinge into their hands the rates of the poore and the rates of everie particuler Tythinge, informe themselves of the values of the said Limitts, hundreds, or Tythings, to thend that at the generall meetinge appointed as aforesaid every Justice of the peace may bringe in such accompt of his Limitt as may come nearest the truth and Justice. Signed by all the Justices present.

To my very loveinge ffreinds the Justices of peace for the  
Countye of Somerset.

After my very hartie Comendacons.—Complaint hath come unto me from manie parts of the Kingdome concerninge Colleccons obtained from me for losses by fyre and other casualties. For myself I may trulie affirme that it hath bin my constant course to passe none but upon Certificate from the Assizes or Quarter Sessions, soe as unless the Justices of peace giveinge creditt unto the Certificats of neighbors or others in favour of the parties damnified be sometimes misledd and doe also misleade me, I cannot bethinke myselfe what ground there should be of a Complaint. Nevertheless, to prevent as farr forth as may be all further mistakinge in this kinde, I have thought fitt, first to keepe my Constant Course not to grant anie Colleccons without Certificate from the Assizes or Sessions. Secondlie, not to grant them uppon any Certificate unless it be agreed on and syned in open Court, at the Assizes or Sessions, and not upon any Colleccon of hands out of Court. Thirdlie, not to grant them upon any Certificate unles it containe that the partie himselfe and two or more able Inhabitants of the parishe or place where the losse or casualtie happened (whose names are alsoe to be sett Downe in the said Certificate) have by oath taken in open Court of Assizes or Sessions, verefyed that the Damage susteined by the party for whom the Colleccon is required Doth amount to soe much in value at the least as shalbe menconed in the said Certificate. fflowerthlie, not to grant them upon any Certificate unles it conteine that the pties themselves and those two or more able Inhabitants have verefied upon oath in open Court that the parties are not without the help of a Colleccon any wise able to susteine themselves but must fall into beggerie or want, for it is not my meaninge to trouble the King's people with Colleccons to make upp the losse sustained by such as are able to live of themselves without such helpe. fiftlie, not to grant them upon anie Certificate unles it containe that the Justices have taken bond to remaine amonge the Records of the Sessions that noe parte of the money collected shalbe applied to the benifitt of any

Landlord or other perſon of abillitie either in rebuildinge his howſe or otherwiſe, for I hold not fitt when the howſe of ſuch a man is Decayed by fire, tempeſt, or the like, by a Collecon in the name of a poore undertenant to have it reedified for the good of him that is able to Doe at his owne charge. Laſtlye, that the Certificate containe that bond is alſoe taken that the party ſhall not put over his Collecon to anie other, for I have found much inconvenience in it that ſome evill minded men for a little money given to a poore man that is Sutor for a Collecon getteth him to turne over the whole benefitt of it Soe as the money which the King's Subiects beleve they beſtow in almes and Charitie towards the poore man is put into the purſes of them that deſerve nothinge but puniſhment. I have therefore thought good to advertiſe you of theſe my reſolucons to reforme that evill w<sup>ch</sup> hath bin Complained of, and to pray you that from henceforth in the makinge of Certificates for ſuch Collecons you will either follow theſe direcons, or where you find the Sutors not willinge to conforme hereunto that you will forbear to Certifie. And yf anie other remedie to be added unto theſe fall into yo<sup>r</sup> Consideracons who beſt know the Complaints of the Countrey thereabouts I ſhall take it very kindlie if you will advertiſe me thereof, and withall I deſire you to be carefull to puniſhe ſuch as goe about with counterfett breefes Deceivinge the King's people for I Doe aſſure you that ſince the time I have had the keepinge of the Seale ſeldome or never have above eight Collecons in one yeare gone into any Shire of the Kingdome and into the moſt Shires not neere that number, and yet I have bin Informed that a farr greater number have binne preſſed upon the Countrey. And I Doe Deſire you that the Clerke of the peace may be commanded by you to keepe this letter, and from time to time as occaſion ſhall be to put you in mind thereof, And not Doubtinge of your reddines to ioyne with me in rectifyinge what is amiſſe, I reſt,

Yo<sup>r</sup> very lovinge ffreind,

Tho. Coventrye.

from Cantbury, this ſecond  
of September, 1637.

SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT WELLS, the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12 days of January, 13 Charles (1637-8), before William (Piers), Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir Henry Berkley, Sir Edward Rodney, Gerard Wood, D.D., Paul Godwyn, D.D., John Symes, John Harrington, William Capel, Anthony Stocker, William Walrond, Abraham Burrell, and William Bull, Esquires.

#### LICENCES GRANTED.

John Dauies of Chewstoke to be a badger of whete and other graine for bread, and to bye in this County and to convert into Meale and sell againe within the Citty of Bristoll, and not to sell aboue two quarters a weeke and not to bye aboue eight bushells in any one markt day. Stephen Biddlecombe of Burneham to buy whete and other graine for bread in Bridgwater and Somerton marketts and to sell the same againe in Wells markt and to buy but one quarter in any one markt.

James Payne of Kilmersdon licensed to be a badger and to bye Corne and grayne, whete, barley and Rye in any markt in this County, and convert the same into Meale and sell in the Citty of Bristoll or in any other markt of this County, and not aboue three quarters weekly in any one markt.

John Harris of Chellworthye licensed, etc.

Richard Barnes of Publowe licensed, etc.

1. Upon the humble peticoñ of William Perkins and Jane, his wyfe, unto this Court preferred therein shewing that whereas they the said William and Johane havinge byn Comitted to his Mat<sup>s</sup> Gaole at Ivelchester, one John Feare, the then Tythingman of Knoll in the parishe of Chew and others (Duringe the abode of them the said Perkins and his wife in his said Mats. Gaole), by force entered the said Perkins' house and by violence tooke and carryed away goods to the value of tenn pounds. Referred to S<sup>r</sup> ffancis Popham, Knight, Richard Cole and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, etc., to make an order for the restitucon of the said goods ; and if they find Feare or any others refractory to their order, to bind them to the next Sessions to answer their contempts herein.

2. Certain estreates levied upon John Frye, Nicholas Ellis, Osmond Ellis and John Foxe of the parish of St. Johns in Glaston, for not repairing a certain bridge and highways within the said parish which had been done, to be repaid by an indifferent rate forthwith to be made by the inhabitants of the parish.

3. An order made by Sr John Horner, Knight, and Anthony Stocker, Esqr, the 8th day of January, 1637, concerning a child born at Whitnell in the parish of St. Cutberts in Wells.

4. An order made by Robte Henley and James Rosse, Esqrs, the 6th day of January, 1637, touching the relief of a child born in the parish of Kingsbury.

5. An order made by the same Justices the same day in the same year for the relief of a child born in the parish of Wayford.

6. An order for the payment of 1*sh.* 6*d.* a week in respect of a child born in the parish of Chuton reduced to 12*d.* per week upon appeal, the appellant having purged himselfe in the Ecclesiasticall Court of the said Crime and for some other reasons.

7. Whereas Complaint is made unto this Court against Mr. Hugh Meade of Wells by one William Stone, a late servant of his, that the said Mr. Meade doth detain his wages from him, And whereas the Co<sup>rt</sup> did send two or three times for the said Mr. Meade, who contemptuously refused to come before them. Referred to Gerrard Wood and Paul Godwyn, Docctors of Divinity, for them if they should find cause make an order for payment of such wages as shall appeare to be due to the said William Stone ; if the said Mr. Meade should be refractory to such their order, to bind him over to the next Sessions to answer his contempt.

8. John Furnis, Governor of the house of Correccion at Ivelchester, to have forty shillings deducted out of his pay at

this Sessions for refusing to receive the mother of a child who had been sent to the House of Correction by order of Sr Henry Berkeley, Knight, and Thomas Mallett, Serjeant at Law, the deduction to be paid towards the relief and maintenance of the child, the mother having since run away, leaving her child upon the parish.

9. Petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Walcott, therein shewing that one Robert Meslin of the said parishe liveinge in a Cottage there hath taken into the said Cottage three severall families that are forrainers, who are like to become very burthensom and chargeable to the said parishe of Walcott unles some speedie course be taken for the preventing thereof. Referred to Anthony Stocker and William Bassett, Esquires, to examine the premisses and if they see cause to sett downe such order for removinge of the said families as they shall thinke fitt.

10. Richard Hix of Stowey, a very poore man and destitute of a place of habitacon, having obtained the license and consent of Richard Jones, now lord of the Mannor of Stowey aforesaid, and major part of the parishioners there, to reedifie and new build an ancient decayed cottage within the said Mannor, and the same to continue for habitacon although there be not fower acres of land thereunto laide accordinge to the Statute.

11. Theophilus Launsdon of Stoneaston, laborer, having the consent of John Hippiisley, Esqr, Lord of the manor, and most of the inhabitants to erect and build a cottage there.

12. Whereas Hugh Boone, Richard Gatcombe and others have petiçoned this Court and preferred Diverse articles of misdemeanor against John Pople, Arthur Parsons, Jeremy Nicholls, Thomas Pope and George Nowell, all of the parishe of Powlett in this Countie; Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esquires, to inquire into the matter, and if the peticoners shall proove their said articles to be true, to bind them and such others as they shall thinke good to the next Assisses.

13. Whereas Richard Haskins of Chesterblade, in the parishe of Evercreech, in this County, weaver, hath petiçoned the Court

therein shewing that whereas he havinge resided in Chesterblade aforesaid about three yeares last past, duringe which time he did there worke as a journeyman with one George Lye, and now hath rented a house and a loome ther of one Joane Raye, and hath quietly lived in it untill of late haveinge married with a wife, the minister and overseers of the poore of Evercreeche about three weekes after he was married inforced the said Joane Ray to putt the said Richard Haskins out of the house, whereby the said Richard Haskins and his said wife are destitute of any place of habitacon. Referred to Paule Godwyn, D.D., and Will. Walrond, Esq., to settle the said Richard Haskins with his wife where by law they shall find they ought to be placed. And in the mean time they arr to remaine in their former habitacon at Chesterblade untill the said Justics haue settled some order therein.

14. The difference between the parishioners of Bartley [Berkley] and Standerweeke, concerning the settling of one Edmond Kevill and Anne, his wife, to be settled by Sir John Horner, Knight, and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>r</sup>.

15. William Mascoll of Abbotts Leigh, gent., who was bound over to these Sessions for refusing to take the oath of the office of a Constable within the hundred of Portbury, to be exempted from serving the office ; and that Mathew Coxe of Flaxburton should take upon him the office of a constable for the said hundred of Portbury for this yeare to come, if it be made appeare to William Capell, Esq<sup>r</sup>, that the said Mathew Coxe is a continual Inhabitant within the said hundred. But if he were not a continual inhabitant that then the said William Mascoll should take the said office upon him, and take the oath.

16. In the matter of the difference between the parishioners of Kaynsham and Kenn, concerning the settling of one Jane Buishopp ; it was ordered that she shall remayne and continue att Kainsham where she now is, there to be settled without any further disturbance by the said parishe of Kaynsham.

17. Whereas it appeareth vnto this Court by the humble peticon of the Inhabitants of the parishe of Clutton, in this

Countie, therein shewing that one Robert Vawter, late of Weston, in this County, a poore Day laborer, about a quarter of a yere sithence came into the said parish of Clutton, and there married with a poore Almesmans Daughter, now liveinge with her said fater in the Almeshouse of Clutton aforesaid, and would there settle himselfe with his said wife. This Court doth therupon order that if the said Vawter together with his said wife shall not forthwith Depart out of the said Almeshouse that then upon Complaint thereof made by the said Inhabitants of Clutton unto ffrancis Baber, Esquire, the said Mr Baber wilbe pleased to binde the said Vawter over with good sureties to the next Sessions and in the meane tyme to be of good behaviour, And for want of such surreties to be sent to his Mats gaole at Ilchester, there to remaine untill he shall willingly Doe the same.

18. John Hippiisley, Esqr, Lord of the manor of Cameley, and the major part of the inhabitants having given their consent, it was ordered that Edith Hannin might erect and build her a cottage on that manor.

19. The Deane and Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of Wells, Lords of the Mannor of Kingsbury and East Lambrooke in this Countye, and the major part of the inhabitants; it was ordered that John Tayler of Lambrooke aforesaid, might erect, and build him a cottage upon part of the wast ground of the said manor of Kingsburie and Eastlambrooke.

20. Whereas at the last Sessions at Bridgwater it was thought fitt and ordered that six pounds should be yearly paid unto Jone Weekes of Northpetherton for and towards the releefe of a yonge Childe whose mother was executed at the last Assises held for this Countye; It is now at this present Sessions ordered that the Treasurers of the hospitalls shall forthwith at this present Sessions pay unto Richard Browne, Keeper of his Mats. gaole at Ilchester, twenty shillings which he hath alreddy disbursed to the said Joane Weekes towards the maintenance of the said Child, and alsoe the said Joane Weekes to be presently paid by the said Tresurer the some of thirtie shillings, beinge



one quarters paye after the proporconate rate of six pounds *p. Ann.* And it is further ordered that the Keeper of his Mats. gaole shall at the next Sessions produce the Mittimus whereupon the Childs mother was first Committed, that if it shall appeare thereupon where the said childe was borne she may thither be sent and there provided for accordinge to Law.

21. Whereas Sir fardinando Gorges, Knight, did heretofore make his warrant unto John Beachampe thelder, James Steart, Thomas Thorne and William Mulford, fower of the Inhabitants of the parishe of Burnham, thereby Comandinge them to make a Rate throughout the said parishe of Burnham for the raysinge of a certaine some of money which was heretofore laide out by Thomas Cake and Thomas Banwell in the bringinge of certaine malefactors to the common gaole. And wheras complaint is now made of the neglect of the said order unto this Court upon hearinge of the cause in open Court; Sr fardinando Gorges to call the said parties again before him, and to cause them to make a rate, those refusing to pay their parts of the rate to be bound to the next Sessions, and in the meanetime to be of the good behavior if he thinke fitt.

22. The opinions of Sr Ralph Hopton, Sr John Horner and Sr Henry Berkeley, Knights, concerning the rates of Batcombe and Westcombe.

23. Whereas George Barnard of Glaston was about six weekes since committed to the House of Correcōn at Shepton Mallett for that he was a lunaticke and a disorderly person, and whereas the Governor of the said house hath retorned him to Glaston againe by reason he had noe maintenance from the parishe of Glaston to releve him there, and the said Barnard not beinge able to work; The said Barnard to be carried back again to the house of Correction; the Town of Glaston to allow him such reasonable maintenance there as the justices next adjoining should think fit, if it appeare that he hath not goods of his owne wherewithall to mainteine him there.

24. Certificate dated 8<sup>o</sup> Ja., 1637, of Sr Henry Berkeley and Sr John Horner concerninge the rates of Batcombe and Westcombe. We saie our opinion was and is that the composiçon rate should stand for a Tithinge rate until they did jointly agree upon some other which we submitt to the better Judgm<sup>t</sup> of the Justices at this present Sessions assembled.

25. At this Sessions it is ordered that Anthony Stocker and William Capell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, shall take view and oversight of the Shereiffe and shire Clarks books for the last yeare in the time of William Bassett, Esqr., And shall have the oversight controllment of the said Shreiffs, Shire Clarks and other his offic<sup>rs</sup> and of the said Shreeves amerciaments of his Shire Courts, accordinge to the Statute in that case made and pvided.

26. The meeting of the Justices for amending as there should be cause of the rates of this County deferred until the Wednesday in Easterweeke nexte.

After our very harty Co<sup>m</sup>endaçons unto yo<sup>r</sup> Lopp and the rest we have receved your Lopp<sup>s</sup> letter of the 5th of October last concerning your pceeding for making an equall Rate for publique services. And we finde good cause to commend your redy endeavors in a busines of such moment for the good of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> service and the ease of the Country, and to give you thanks for the same. But although we doe allow of your reasons for deferringe the same for some time, yet we doe recommend to you againe to have a care that it be protracted noe longer then the Condiçon of the season and the nature of the busines doe necessarily require. And soe we bid you heartely farewell ; from Whitehall the 8th of November, 1637.

Yo<sup>r</sup> lopps, etc., very loving ffreinds,

W<sup>m</sup> Cant.

Tho. Coventrye.

J. Manchester.

Guil. London.

Lindsey.

Arundell.

ffra. Cottington.

ffran. Windebanke.

SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT IVELCHESTER the 3rd, 4th and 5th days of April, 14 Charles (1638), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir John Stowell, K.B., Sir Edward Rodney, Knt., Robert Henley, John Farewell, Thomas Lyte, John Harbyn, Abraham Burrell and William Bull, Esquires.

LICENCES FOR BADGERS.

Thomas Balche of Hachbeacham.

Mark Rossister of Catcott to be a badger of whete, and to bye yt in oppen fayre.

Edward Leate of Horsington to be a Common loader Badger, Kidder, Carrier and trñsporter of butter and Cheese in the Countyes of Wilts, Southampton, Dorset and Devon, And to travell with fower horses.

Richard Miller of Charleton Musgrove to be a Common Loader, Badger, kidder and carrier of Corne.

Richard Parfett of West Lidford to be a Common Loader, Badger, kidder and Carrier of Corne.

John Hill of Milverton to be a Common Loader, Badger, Carryer, Buyer and Trñsporter of Butter and Cheese in Dorset and Devon, And not to trauell with aboue three horses att one time.

Willm Alline of Lye in this County, Baker, to buy in any open and full markt three quarters of wheate or mesline to be converted into Breade and sold againe in this County of Somersett and not elsewhere.

Thomas Balche of Hatchbechampe to be a Common Badger, loader, kidder, or carryer of Butter and Cheese. The same to be sould in this Countie, not w<sup>th</sup> aboue two horses at one time.

Emanuell Holines of Pedwell to be a Common Badger to buy wheate and other graine for bread.

Edward Jacklett of Butleigh to be a Coñon badger or kidder to buy wheate or other graine for bread.

1. Charles Stennings, Esq<sup>r</sup>, chosen Tresurer of the Hospitall for the Western Division and Edward Kirton, Esq<sup>r</sup>, for the Eastern Division. And M<sup>r</sup> Burrell and M<sup>r</sup> Lyte are intreated to take thaccommpte of the last Tresurers.

2. John Symes, Esq<sup>r</sup>, chosen Treasurer of the maimed Souldiers.

3. Whereas two poore Children, John Gyles and Gyles Gyles, have bin brought from Rangworthey in the Countie of Gloucester unto Lovington in this Countie of Somerset, the place of their birth, as is alleadged yf accordinglie yt shall appeare, and the Justices of peace of Glocester wilbe pleased to Certifie the truth of the cause concerninge the said Children, how longe they continued there, and in what manner placed. Then this Court will take course to provide for them accordinge to right and Justice, and in the meane time yt is ordered by this Court that the said Children shalbe carried againe backe to Rangworthy abovesaid by him that brought them.

4. William Wills of Somerton to show cause at the next Sessions why his apprentice, Richard Banks, who had petitioned the Court, should not be discharged of his apprenticeship.

5. Mary Steere of Stratton within the parishe of Southpetherton (beinge a verie poore widdowe), having three small Children, having the consent of John Colberd, Lord of a small parcell of Land lyinge in Stratton, and the major part of the Inhabitants there, to Converte a certaine Barne now standinge on that small pcell of land above menconed to a Cottage for her habitacofi without fower acres of land laid thereunto accordinge to the Statute.

6. Edmond Pratt of Southpetherton, glover, to be freed and discharged of his apprentice, Henry Rowsell, his parish apprentice until he should attain the age of twenty-four years, and that Mary Pitcher should continue his apprentice until she attained 21 years of age, accordinge to the Indentures betweene them. Whereas it appeareth unto this Court that the said Rowsell would never be brought to serve the said Pratt.

7. An indifferent rate to be made by the inhabitants of the tithing of Charlton Musgrove to repay Richard Norman and Walter Abbott of that parish for money levied on them for not repairing a Certaine highway w<sup>th</sup>in the said Tithinge.

8. An indifferent rate to be made by the parishioners of Michell Creech for the payment of money laid out by Robert Seager for not repairing a certain highway within the said parish, he having been levied upon for that purpose.

9. The inhabitants of the parish of Wiveliscombe to make an indifferent rate to repay John Toms, Adrian Thomas and Robert Roades for moneys which they had laid out and for repairing a certain highway within the said parish.

10. The Treasurer of Hospitals of both Divisions, after they have paid all such payments as belong to the Hospitals, and to the Gaole for the releef of the poore prisoners that are in gaole, shall next before they pay anie other paym<sup>ts</sup> pay such Children which have bin placed with them by order from the Justices of the Countie.

11. Whereas there is a presentment against the Inhabitants of Chew Magna and Chew Stoake for not repairinge a certaine bridge called Woodfords bridge lyinge within the parishe of Chew Stoke. And for that it cannot appeare who ought to amend and repaire the same Bridge; the Justices of that division or any two of them to examine the inhabitants of both parishes and to certify what they had done therein at the next Sessions.

12. Ames Bicknell of Ilebruers to be freed and discharged of his apprentice George Walden who was to have served him untill the said Walden should have accomplished the age of twenty-four years, the said Walden having fallen verie lame soe that he is not able to performe any manner of service in husbandry and that the said Bicknell hath bin at the chargs of keepinge of him twelve monthes since he received his lameness.

13. It is ordered that John Hartgill of Killmington Esqr shall for one yeare next ensuinge pay unto his sonne John Hartgill gent. the some of twelve pounds for and toward the maintenance and sustentacon of the said John his sonne his wife and Children not havinge sufficient meanes to mainteine his Children beinge eight of them soe yonge that they ar not able to live without the releefe of the said John Hartgill their grandfather whom we finde to have an estate sufficient to releeve them and the said money to be paide monthly by Twentie shillings the moneth And whereas we finde that the said John Hartgill father of the said Children hath an estate of Inheritance in revercon of his father of good value which he may sell if he will ioyn<sup>e</sup> w<sup>th</sup> his ffather in the sale thereof We thinke fitt and Doe advise that the said John the sonne should ioyn<sup>e</sup> with his said father in the sale thereof which if he shall refuse so to Doe uppon valuable consideracon then the said John the sonne after such refusall and the refusall Certyfyed unto this Court by S<sup>r</sup> Edward Rodney or S<sup>r</sup> Henry Berkeley Knights or one of them to take noe farther benefitt of this our order but the same to Cease theruppon and become voide. And in case M<sup>r</sup> Hartgill the ffather shall neglect or make Defalt of the pformance therof then uppon proffe and complaint made either to S<sup>r</sup> Edward Rodney or S<sup>r</sup> Henry Berkeley the Court Desires thaforesaid gentlemen or one of them to binde over Mr. Hartgill (soe refusing or neglectinge) to the next Sessions following the complaints to answere such his Contemptes. E. Rodney, Jo. Stawell, Ro. Henley, Tho. Lyte, John Harbyn.

14. Whereas ther was a warrant directed to the Constable of the hundred of Stone and Catsaish for the providinge of seven ploughes within the said hundred for his Mats. service And whereas the said Constable did levy two of the said ploughes uppon the Tythinges of Sparkford and Weston Bamfeild beinge two of the smallest Tithings within the hundred and levyinge none upon the tythings of Cadbury and Maperton beinge farr greater tithings ; It is therefore ordered by this Court that every of the said Tithings shall beare an equall rate towards the chargs thereof, and that there be a proporconable rate forthwith made within the said fower tithings and that if any shall refuse

to pay accordinge as they shalbe soe rated upon Complaintt to the next Justice of peace he to binde them to the next Sessions there to answeere their Contempts.

15. Whereas it appeareth unto this Court that many have heretofore gotten licences for badginge and have procured some Justics of peace to sett their hands unto them and have not Come in open Sessions to enter into recognizancs for the obsvinge of their licences ; and to have them recorded by the Clarke of the peace accordinge to the Statute whereby many inconveniences have happened : No licence to be granted from henceforth to any badger unless it be in open Sessions, etc.

16. An order made for the maintenance of a child born in the parish of Ling. The supposed father a "Wosted Comber" living at Ayshpriors—30th day of March, 1638. Robte Cuffe, Arth. Pyne.

17. An Order made by the same Justices for the maintenance of a child born in the parish of Lyng—13th day of March, 1637.

18. An Order made at Stogumber the 13th day of February, 1637, towards the relief and maintenance of a child born in the parish of Brumpton [Regis]. Tho. Luttrell, Edw. Kellet.

19. A Certificate made by the Court. Whereas Richard Bennett of Wellington in this County of Somerset husbandman was bound by Recognizance to appeare at the generall Sessions holden for this County att Bridgwater the third day of October last past to prosecute an Indictment against one Edward Gifford for suspicion of ffelony. At which Sessons the said Richard Bennett did appeare and caused a Bill of Indictment to be drawen by the Clarke of the peace against the said Gifford and attendinge att the place where the graund Jury did sitt to have given evidence against the said Gifford accordinge to his Recognizance and direcons of the Court. And that one of the graund Jury (vizt) Walter Catford gent. came forth of the Roome where the said Bennett attended as aforesaid and inquired of him his business and then told him that he mought Depart home without Danger and withall shewed him the Bill

of Indictment and putt the same upp into his pockett and tould him that he should receve noe damage or hurte by his departure, whereuppon he Departed and never gave evidence unto the graund Jury whereuppon his recognizance was estreated as forfeited.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT TAUNTON the 11th, 12th, and 13th days of July, 14 Charles (1638), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir Thomas Wrothe, Sir John Gill, Thomas Luttrell, John Symes, John Harrington, Arthur Pyne, William Every, Robert Cuffe, Abraham Burrell, Henry Poulett, and George Poulett, Esquires.

Georgio Poulett Armiger, Justice Dci Dni Rs ad pacem in Com p<sup>d</sup> conservand assign etc.

LICENCES GRANTED.

John Reeve of Staple fitzpaine to buy butter and cheese.

Henry Poole of Taunton to buy butter within this County and to be the common badger, killer, lader, or carrier of butter.

Robert Reeves of Streete to be a common Badger, lader and carrier of butter.

Christopher Rogers of Wellington to buy butter within this Countie and to be a Common Badger, lader, driver and carryer of butter, etc.

1. An order made by S<sup>r</sup> ffancis Popham, Knight, ffancis Baber and Anthony Stocker touching a child born in the parish of Chewstoke—7th day of July, 1638.

2. An order made by John Trowbridge, Maior of the Boroughe of Taunton aforesaid, and Roger Prowse, gent., two of his Mats Justics of the peace of and within the Borough aforesaid, for the relief of a child called Humphrie, born in the Borough of Taunton; the reputed father, a worsted comber of Taunton, having fleded out of the Country. The mother was



to be openlie whipped about the towne of Taunton uppon some Market Day. Given under our hands and Seales at Taunton aforesaid the Nynth day of ffebruary, 1637. Roger Prowse.

John Trowbridge, Mayor.

3. An order made touching a child named Ellionor, born in the parish of Camerton, 23rd day of May, 1638. W<sup>m</sup> Capell, W<sup>m</sup> Bassett, Anth. Stocker.

4. An order made concerning a child born in the Town of Glaston; the mother on the 24th day of July to be whipped about the Markett house in Glaston when the Market is at the biggest.

5. Whereas the Tythingman of Charleton Horethorne, hath bin at the charge of followinge a busines against Christofer Bescombe and Henry Penny in the behalf of the parishionrs of Charleton Horethorne aforesaid, concerninge the conveyinge away of Margaret Bruer, the Mother of a base childe, and at this Sessions peticoned this Court to have some allowance from the parishe towards his charges and expences therein. Sr Henry Berkeley, Knight, to inquire into the matter. And if he shall finde that the said Tythingman was not negligent in his office and faulty in the businesse concerninge the escape of the said Margaret to allow the said Tythingman such reasonable charges as the said Sr Henry Berkeley shall thinke fitt.

6. John Luccocke, of Wellington, who was heretofore prest out of this Countie as a Souldier in his Mat<sup>s</sup> service in Cales and the Isle of Ree, in which service he received diverse hurts and maymes in soe much as he is not able to releeve himself to have fower pounds *p. Ann.* paide unto him duringe his life.

7. Thomas Jacobb, of East Peniard, Carpenter, having obtained leave of the lord of the Manor of East Penyard and of most of the ablest, sufficienst men of the said parishe under their hands to erect him a cottage upon some part of the waste ground of the said manor.

8. The difference between the parishioners of Evell and Weston concerninge the settling of a yonge Child of one Rob<sup>te</sup> Symes, whose Mother is dead, and the said Symes is gone out of the Countrie leaving the said Child at Evill, who supposinge the said Symes had means at Weston sent the said child thither who hath peticoned this Courte for releefe herein, referred to Abraham Burrell, William Bull, Thomas Lyte, and John Harbin, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, or any two of them to examine the difference, and to settle the said Child where they shall finde it ought to be placed.

9. In the matter of the difference between the parishioners of Kingston and Lyddeard Laurence, concerninge the settling of one Anne Bromefeild and her child, it was ordered that they should be forthwith sent unto Kingston and to be there settled and provided unless the parishioners of Kingston should at the next Sessions shew good cause to free themselves of them.

10. Whereas there is a difference betweene the parishioners of North Curry and Curry Mallett in this County, concerninge the settinge of one Edward Powell, a child, the sonne of Nicholas Powell, late of Curry Mallett aforesaid, who is come out of the Countrie and hath left the said Childe in the parishe of North Curry aforesaid. And forasmuch as it appeareth unto the Co<sup>rt</sup> that the said Edward Powell was borne in the pishe of Curry Mallett aforesaid, and there lived ever since his birth. It is ordered that the said Edward Powell shalbe forthwith sent to Curry Mallett aforesaid, and there to be settled and provided for unles the said parishioners of Curry Mallett shew good cause to the contrary at the next Sessions.

11. Uppon the humble peticoñ of John Farnham unto this Court preferred therein shewinge that whereas he renteth the Tythes of the Village of Misterton within the pishe of Crewkerne of Henry Powlett, Esquire, for which Tythes as alsoe for the tithes of other Villages and Tythings within the said parishe the said Mr. Powlett hath bin allwaies heretofore and now is taxed and rated towards the Composicoñ and other chargs

wholy with Crewkerne where he hath from time to time paid the said rates as well for Misterton as for the rest of the parsonages of Crewkerne, yet notwithstandinge the said John Farnham is now likewise taxed to pay for the same tithes towards the Composicoñ and other charges with the Inhitants of Misterton aforesaid. Ordered that the said tithes of Misterton belonginge to the said Mr. Powlett shalbe whole charged with Crewkerne as heretofore usually it hath bin. But if the said John Farnham hath any personall estate in Misterton to be rated for that there only and not for the Tithes as aforesaid.

12. Ordered that Christopher Woolcott, of Wellington, in this County, Mercer, shall execute the office of Constable within the hundred of Kingsbury west, in this County, for the yeare to come, and that he shall forthwith repaire to William Everie, one of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Justics of peace within this Countie who is desired to administer the oath of a Constable unto him, which if the said Woolcott shall refuse then to bind him over to the next Sessions, there to answer his Contempt. And that Henry White now Constable there to be discharged of his said office of Constableshipp.

13. John Nurden of Milverton, laborer, having the consent of Gawen Mallett, Esq<sup>r</sup>, now owner of the land there, and most of the inhabitants of the said parish, to build him a cottage upon some parte of the wast groundes of the said Manor of Milverton aforesaid.

14. Henry Hammond of North Curry, to be discharged of his parish apprentice John Towninge who had been apprenticed to him until the said Towninge should "accomplish thage of xiiij<sup>or</sup> yeares accordinge to the statute"; it appeareth unto this Courte that the said Apprintice out of a depraued and most wicked disposicoñ and ill manners cannot be brought to any good or orderly Carriage or behavior nor to worke nor be trusted; [is] filthy and uncleane in his apparrell and lodginge.

15. An order made upon appeal varying an order made at the last Ivelchester Sessions concerning a child born in the parish of Brompton Regis.

16. For that it appeareth that John Fry hath taken much paines and hath donne good service in discoveringe and apprehendinge many vagrants and felons, and brought them unto Justice. Ordered to be paid £4 per annum by the Treasurers of the Hospitals.

17. A transcript of a record out of the Crown Office referred to in the following: John Roche Clarke and Stephen Cooke.

18. We, the Justices of peace of the Countie doe asseesse and allowe unto the said Joshua Roche Clarke for his Costs and Damages in precutinge the Indictment against the said Stephen Cooke in regard the said Cooke removed the said Indictment by Certiorari, and afterwards submitted himself to his fine for the said offence containd in the said Indictment as appeareth by this record above written which said Recorde the said Josua Roch hath now taken his oath to be true. And thereuppon we have allowed him the sume of Six pounds, thirteene shillings, and fower pence for his Costs and damages as above said according to the statute in that Case made and pvided.

John Coventrye.  
John Gill.  
Tho. Luttrell.  
John Symes.

John Harington.  
Robte Cuffe.  
Abraham Burrell.

19. Whereas Stephen Cooke hath heretofore brought a writ of Certiorari to remove an Indictment of assault and batterie prosecuted against him by Josua Roche and Kateren, his wife, and thereuppon hath entered into bond of x*li*. to paye unto the said Josua Roch or his assignes within one moneth after his, the said Stephen Cookes, conviccoñ uppon the said Indictment such reasonable Costs and damags as the Justices of peace of the said Countie shall asseesse and allow accordinge to the statute in this behalf pvided. And for that it appeareth unto the Court by a Transcript of a Recorde out of the Crowne office proved by the oth of the said Josua to be a true Coppy that the said Cooke hath submitted himself to pay a ffine to his Matie for the said offence; the Courte doth therefore thinke fitt and order

uppon consideraçoñ of the premisses that the said Cooke shall forthw<sup>th</sup> paye to the said Josua Roche the some of Sixe pounds, thirteen shillings, and fower pence for his Costs and damages accordinge to the statute in this behalfe pvided.

20. Whereas at the meetinge at Wells in Easter weeke last the matter of Rates was referred for the wester Division to the care and paynes of [                      ], amongst whom Sir Robert Phelipps is now dead, and whereas by the said order it is required that fower of the said Referees shall still meete together, and because the said number consists now of soe few as may by accident render them unable to meete fower accordinge to the order. It is now ordered that Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>r</sup>, be admitted into the number of the said Committees in the place of Sr Robte Phelipps, for the performance of all acts which by the said order is of the said Committees required.

21, 22. Informations.

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SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT BRIDGWATER the 2nd, 3rd and 4th days of October, 14 Charles (1638), before John Coventry, Esq., Sir John Horner, Sir Thomas Wrothe, John Harrington, John Symes, George Pawlett, Thomas Luttrell, William Every, Henry Pawlett, Abraham Burrell, Robert Hendley, and William Bull, Esquires.

1. Item ; whereas uppon hearinge againe at this Sessions it appeareth that the said village of Misterton is and alwaies hath bin in respect of all taxes and rates distinct from the Towne of Crewkerne and that they have payed all manner of taxes and rates distinctly by themselves and that the farmers of the said tithes of Misterton have usually bin and ought to be rated for the said tythes in Misterton aforesaid and not in Crewkerne. Ordered that from henceforth the occupiers or farmers of the said Tythes of Misterton shall pay all manner of rates and payments for the same in Misterton aforesaid where the said tithes growe and not in the towne of Crewkerne aforesaid. And that the

said Mr. Powlett or his farmers shalbe abated for soe much of his rates in Crewkerne as he or his farmers shalbe rated unto in Misterton if he be rated in Crewkerne for any of his tithes in Misterton. [See preceding Taunton Sessions No. 11, John ffarnham, concerninge the Tithes of Misterton.]

2. An order made by John Harbin and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, two of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Justices of the peace within the County aforesaid whereof one is of the Quorum next adjoinege unto the parishe Church of yevell, for and towards the educacon breedinge and bringinge upp of one John a base Child, born in the parish of Yevell, 23rd day of September, 1638.

3. An order made by Robert Henly and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, touching the relief of a child born at Clapton.

4. Whereas John Manninge of Castle Cary hath bin chosen Constable of the said Towne and Tythinge of Castle Cary who refuseth to take his oathe: Sir Henry Berkeley, Kt., wilbe pleased to Convent the said John Maninge before him and if he find him able and sufficient for the said office to give him his oathe, which if he shall refuse to take then to binde him to the next Sessions to be houlden for this Countye there to answere his Contempte.

5. Four pounds four shillings and two pence, being the remainder of a greater some to be paid at this present Sessions by the Treasurer of Hospitals of the Western Division unto Mr. Mathew Hopkins for the repacon of the howse of Correction at Taunton.

6. Sir Thomas Wrothe, Knight, and Abraham Burrell, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, wilbe pleased forthwith uppon sight of this order to graunt forth their warrant of distresse against John Cullpepper, gent. farmer of the tythes of Middlezoy and Othery for refusing to pay his rate towards the relief of the poor.

7. Whereas John Wolmington of Donyett hath bin heretofore bound out apprentice unto one John Armistronge of Ilmister, and for that this Courte is Certified that the said Armistronge is not able to mainteine the said Apprentice or to bringe him upp

in his trade ; Robert Henley and James Rosse, Esq<sup>rs</sup>, to examine the truth hereof and to certifie at the next Sessions what they shall doe herein. And in the meane time the said apprentice to remaine with his mother if the said Mr. Henley and Mr. Rosse shall soe thinke fitt.

8. Uppon the humble peticon of Mary Forde of Westbury widdowe, herein shewing that whereas she did heretofore binde her sonne William Forde, apprentice, unto John Hippy of Cloford in this County, Baker, for the space of eight yeares the said Hippy hath diverse times beaten his said apprentice William Ford in such extreme manner that hath caused the said apprentice to runne away from him and now doth refuse to receive him againe unlesse he may haue more money with him neyther will permit him to serve any other ; Referred to Sir Ralph Hopton, knight of the Bath, and Anthony Stocker, Esq<sup>re</sup>, or one of them to examine the truth herein and if they find cause to order the said Hippy to receive the said apprentice again, or otherwise to certify at the next Sessions whether they think fit that the said Forde should be freed and discharged of his said apprenticeship with the said Hippy.

9. Whereas William Sanders of Bawdripp hath bin at this Sessions presented Constable for the hundred of Northpetherton and for that the said Saunders alleageth by peticon to this Courte that he is impotent and much trobled with a Rupture whereby he is not any way able to doe the said service ; Sir Thomas Wrothe, knight, to examine the premisses and if he should find the said Saunders allegations to be true, then to make choice of some fit and able man within the said hundred to undertake the said office.

10. Thomasine Trowbridge to be sent from Liddeard Episcopi to Durleigh and there to be settled for as much as the said pishioners of Durleigh have neglected their appearance and attendance at this Sessions accordinge to the said order.

11. It is ordered that all such as shall not appeare at any Sessions uppon their Recognizances for the good behaviour or for

Bastards or to prosecute their traverses that the Clarke of the peace shall send forth warrants against the partyes to be brought in at the Sessions followinge yf they be to be found and in the meanetime to be of good behavior.

12. Whereas Capteine Allen hath heretofore for diverse yeares received from the Treasurer of the maymed soldiers the pencon of Twenty pounds yeerely which was thought fitt then for his service to give unto him. And for that we arr credibly informed the said Captaine Allen is now of better estate and more able now then heretofore to support himselfe ; From henceforth to receive only but £16 per annum.

13. Whereas one Thomas Lumbard of Charde heretofore married with one Mary Younge, widdow, the daughter of one Thomas Brayne of Stoke under hamdon with whome he had one daughter born at Stoke ; and this Courte beinge informed that the said Lumbard liveinge idly and havinge spent the greatest parte of his said wifes stocke and such as remayned unspent he sould away unto his brother John Lumbard and thereuppon Thomas Lumbard the father of the said Thomas Lumbard and the said John Lumbard made an agreement with the said Thomas Brayne the father of the said Mary.

14. The inhabitants of South Cherriton part of the Tything of North Cherriton having informed the Courte by petition that they were much burdened and overrated by the inhabitants of North Cherriton and have therefore peticoned this Courte for releife ; Sir Henry Berkeley, knight, and Sergeant Mallett or any one of them were desired to send for the inhabitants of both parts of the said Tything and to cause a iust and equall rate to be made.

15. Whereas at our last meetinge at Wells for the setting of our Rates equally throughout this County all the matter was referred to this Sessions now in regard that the winter drawes on and that there is a greate sicknesse through the Sheire yt is ordered that further tyme be taken for the doinge hereof.



16. Uppon the humble peticon showinge that there are many bridges and Clizes within the pyshe of Weston, and alsoe Burrow wall, which are usually repaired and kept by a rate yearly made by fower men of the said parish of Weston appointed for that purpose ; And that of late many doe refuse to paye their rates which have been made by fower men as aforesaid ; the same was referred to Sir Thomas Wrothe, Kt., Robte Cuffe, Abraham Burrell, and William Bull, Esqrs, or any two of them to settle some course for the payment of the said rates and if should see cause to bind such parties refusing to the next Sessions.

17, 18. Informations.

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The Sessions Rolls are missing for the period from the end of Register No. III, Bridgwater Sessions, 1638, to the commencement of Register No. IV, Bridgwater Sessions, 1646, with the exception of two rolls, 78 and 79. This latter contains a few examinations taken before Justices in 1644. Roll 78 contains documents relating to business at Wells, 1638-9, and a calendar of the material portion is given below.

**SESSIONS ROLL NO. LXXVIII.**

4. Presentment of Bempstone Hundred.
5. Presentment of Chew Hundred.
6. Presentment of Keynsham Hundred.
7. Presentment of Winterstoke Hundred.
8. Presentment of Portbury Hundred.
9. Presentment of Frome Hundred.
10. Complaint by William Sute of Widcombe near Bath, that he as tenant of a parcel of land called the Priors park,

formerly belonging to the Priory of Bath, had been chosen constable of Bath forum Hundred, when by ancient custom this land had been exempted from the office, as had already been allowed in the case of land at Saltford heard in July, 1636. Ordered that the case be heard at the next Sessions.

11. Presentment of Brewton Hundred.

12. Certificate in favour of Henry Willman, a pressed soldier, with list of his service and wounds. Signed by D. Garway, and Thomas Meautys, Muster Master General ; 18 Apr., 1638.

13. Letter from Whitehall 25th Nov., 1637, in favour of Willman. Signed by W. Cant. (Laud) ; Tho. Coventrye, Guil. London (Juxon) ; H. Manchester ; Dorset ; Holland.

14. Petition, signed by several inhabitants of Cheddar, for the release of James Patch, apprentice, from his master Edward Selcock, who hath most barbarously used him.

16. Presentment of Chewton Hundred.

17. Presentment of Wells Forum Hundred.

18. Presentment of Whitstone Hundred.

19. Presentment of Glaston Twelve Hides.

20. Petition of three men, who were bound for the appearance of Christopher Scadding of Chard at this Sessions ; since he is dead, they may forfeit their bonds and be utterly undone unless they are discharged. Endorsed : a certificate to be made.

21. Copy of the order made at the Bridgwater Sessions (1638) concerning the settlement of Thomasine Trowbridge at Durleigh.

22. Certificate of Thomas Malet that he had apportioned the rates of the tithing of Cheriton so that North Cheriton should pay eight parts and South Cheriton nine parts, which arrangement was accepted by the inhabitants of the tithing.

23. Petition from Puddimore Milton that Christian Toogood, who for three weeks had been attending sick folk there, might be removed to West Charleton before her confinement.

24. Presentment of Puriton Hundred.

25. Certificate from the overseers of Sparkford that Robert Gover had given sufficient security for the relief of his baseborn child.

26. Order with signatures of justices for a pension of five marks to a maimed soldier ; 20th Sept. 1631.

27. Petition of the said maimed soldier George Willins to the King ; endorsed with the royal command that relief be afforded, signed Edward Powell, at the Court at Greenwich 4th May, 1631.

28. Certificate from the Vicar and officials of Somerton that Johane, wife of Thomas Lymbery, "a woman of lewd carriage and behaviour," had been whipt by order from the Justices. 7th Jan., 1638 (9).

29. Certificate from South Petherton that John White had given security for the relief of his baseborn child.

30. Order that John Stert, yeoman, of Mark, chosen constable of Bempstone Hundred in place of Lewis Lyninge deceased, "do repair unto Wells and take the oath of constableness upon him." Matthew Hopkins, Clerk of the Peace.

31. Long letter from Francis Bennett of Warminster to his loving friend Mr. Browne, Clerk of the Peace, concerning the negligence of the constable and tythingman of Phillips Norton in letting a prisoner escape.

32. Petition of Thomas Tincknell of Wells, maker of edge tooles, that owing to the decay of the grinding mill which he rented he had been compelled to come to Wells from the out-parish of St. Cuthberts, and was now ordered by the Mayor and Recorder to depart again ; he had also been put in prison for

three days for exercising his trade ; asks to be allowed to remain. Endorsed : To be settled in the towne and not be disturbed.

33. Discharge, on receipt of five pounds, of Francis Harvoe of Compton Dando from the maintenance of a baseborn child born at Keynsham. Signed by the parish authorities.

34. Certificate from the Vicar and parish authorities of Woollavington that Richard Cooper had given sufficient security for the discharge of his baseborn child.

35. Certificate from the Vicar and parish authorities of Crewkerne that Stephen Deamont, "whit baker," who was bound with sureties to appear at the last Bridgwater Sessions, was then and still is too sick to travel.

36. Order made by Sir Francis Popham and Francis Baber and Anthony Stocker, Esquires, for the maintenance of a child born at Keynsham ; 6 July, 1638.

37. Order made by Henry Paulett, Esq., Edward Kellett, D.D., and George Hitchcock for the maintenance of a child born at Runnington [no date].

38. Order made by Robert Henley and James Rosse, Esquires, for the maintenance of a child born at South Petherton ; 2nd January, 1638 (9).

39. Order made on the petition of Thomas Tincknell [No. 32].

40. Order of the Court reversing the decision given at the last Bridgwater Sessions [see No. 21].

41. Order granting the petition of Puddimore Milton [No. 23].

42. The dispute between the parishes of Litton, Leigh, and Mells concerning the settlement of a base child finished by charging it on Litton.

43. Complaint having been made that the High Constables of Whitstone Hundred have been by a pretended custom chosen exclusively from the parishes of Shepton Mallett and Croscombe, when there are many other parishes, and men of sufficient ability to take the office; and that the said High Constables never render any public account pretending a custom: It is now ordered that they shall be chosen out of the whole Hundred, and that the present Constables shall render accounts for the last three years at the next Court leet to the Hundredors then present.

44. Certificate made by the Court to the Court of Exchequer that the recognizances of the sureties for Christopher Scadden of Chard were estreated in ignorance of the fact that he was too sick to appear at the last Bridgwater Sessions.

45. Order confirming the award of Thomas Malet, Serjeant at law [No. 22].

46. Sir Francis Popham, William Capell and Anthony Stocker, Esquires, desired to examine the dispute between Chew Magna and Compton Martin concerning the settlement of John Bowman.

47. Order for John Biggs the elder, of Wridlington, to pay forty shillings to the overseers of Camerton because he consented to the going away of his son, John Biggs, who was charged to be the father of a base child born at Camerton.

48. Order for John Blydon, one of the Constables of the Hundred of Chew, to be repaid by the inhabitants of Chew Parish the sum of 11*li*. 11*sh*. 6*d*., which he had laid out for the repairing of Woodford bridge and they had refused to pay.

49. Order that Richard Phillis, who was bound apprentice to Simon Keyford of Shepton Mallet, and after his death continued with Johane his widow, be discharged as his mistress has incited him to steal and other lewd courses.

50. Fair copy of above order.

51. Order for Sir Francis Popham, Francis Baber and William Capell, Esquires, to appoint and swear in a fit person for the constableness of Chewton Hundred; Richard Hippiisley of Chewton, the present constable being sick and infirm, and Henry Weford of Chilcampton, nominated in his place being considered not to be a fit man for the service.

52. Petition of Henry Willman, a poor maimed soldier for relief. He had served in his Majesty's service under Sir Charles Morgan, generall of the English forces in the service of the King of Denmark. Endorsed: to receive a pension of four pounds to begin at this Sessions. Signatures of Justices present. [Nos. 12, 13.]

53. Order for the discharge of the apprentice of John Gibbs of Odombe, who has not sufficient employment to keep him at work.

54. The present tythingman for Lyncombe and Widcombe shall continue in office until the next General Sessions, when after a full hearing of the differences between them, it shall be decided by whom he shall be paid for his pains in executing the said office.

55. Copy of No. 30.

56. Petition of Theophilus Collens, portreeue and other inhabitants of the Town and Bourough of Yeovil, against Edward Keynes, gent., concerning some abuses committed by him. He had set up a brew house, and pretending a Patent which was not shown compelled the keepers of inns and ale-houses to buy from him till they found his beer to be ill relished and disliking to towne and country. The town is a great and common road for the most part of the west country men to London; and there is a great weekly market. Ordered that Sir John Stowell, K.B., Sir Henry Berkley, William Walrond, John Harbyn, and James Rosse, Esquires, shall examine the particulars and take such course as they shall think fitt for the relief of the petitioners.

57. The complaints made against William Crosse, gent., bayliffe of the Liberty of the Bishop of Bath and Wells and John Lyght depute and collector to the Sheriff of the County for doubly collecting sums of money within the said Liberties for "greenwax" referred to William Morgan and William Doughnarte [?], gents., who are to set down who ought to repay the money levied doubly.

58. Kalendar of prisoners and sentences.

59. Copy of No. 21.

60. Whereas Richard Blake of St. James [Taunton] was bound over at the last Sessions for the barbarous usage of his three apprentices until the cause could be examined; now as it appears that within a few weeks after he beat them black and blue, we do now order the said apprentices to be discharged.

Gerard Wood, John Harrington, Will. Walrond, Rich. Cole.

61. Order with signatures of Justices for a pension of four pounds to be paid to Henry Willman [Nos. 12, 13].

62. Fair copy of the petition from Yeovil [No. 56].





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